

MINUTE SHEET

Reference PP. 604, 58325.4.35.
12.12.35

1.
Ext. from R/C on 16, Mulberry Walk, Chelsea ment. REES.
From "B.W." re Garonwy REES

1z
1a

2.

Copy of Minute 52 in SF.464/43B. Agreed (Initialled) ?JS

We have no record of Geronwy REES. If you agree I think we need
do no more than note his name in case he crops up again.

S.1017.2.35

(Initialled) ?KLY.

4.2.36.

5.11.36.

10.9.47.

7.3.49.

1.4.49.

1.4.49.

4.4.49.

1.6.51

1.6.51

4.6.51

4.6.51

Extract from R.O.C.

Copy of Int. letter to BLAICKIE

Application form for employment with B.26 re REES.

Minutes between 7th-14th March 1949 re REES.

B2A note for file re REES

B2A note for file re REES

Minute from B2A to B2 re REES

Extract from T.C. on BURGESS - Conversation between REES and HEWIT

Extract from B.2.a. note of information from D.D.G. re REES and BURGESS

Extract from D.D.G. note re REES and BURGESS

Extract from B.2. Action Summary re possible interview with REES

2b

2c

3a

3b

3d

3e

3f

3fa

3g

3h

3i

4.

6.6.51

6.6.51

B.2.a. note of personal particulars of REES

Copy of TABLE material of interview between D.B., BLUNDEN and REES

4a

4b

5.

6.6.51

Statement of Morgan Goronwy REES

5a

6.

6.6.51

6.6.51

B.2.a. note of action taken following statement made by REES

Extract from BURGESS T.C. - Conversation between HEWIT and BLUNDEN

6a

6b

7.

6.6.51

6.6.51

7.6.51.

Extract from B.4. note re imposition of telephone check on REES

Copy of letter from REES to FOOTMAN about BURGESS with B.2.a. minute

Copies of letters from REES to BURGESS found at BURGESS' flat.

7a

7b

7c.

8.

8.6.51

8.6.51

Note re inclusion of REES on list of contacts used by C.P.R.

Copy of B.4. note of interview with B.K. re her knowledge of BURGESS' contacts,
mentioning REES

8a

8b

9.

8.6.51

8.6.51

8.6.51

8.6.51

8.6.51

To S.B. re circulation of REES' name to Ports

Extract from F.O. letter mentioning REES

TABLE material ment. HEWIT, KLUGMANN, BLUNDEN, CORNFORTH, etc.

Extract from B.2.a. report on HEWITT mentioning Goronwy REES

Extract from B2a/5120 source report re Goronwy and Iris(?) REES

9a

9ab

9b

9c

9d

THIS IS A COPY
ORIGINAL DOCUMENT RETAINED
IN DEPARTMENT UNDER SECTION
3(4) OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS
ACT 1958

OCTOBER 2020

[OVER

140147/968

50JC&S

16/209

(T)

-0

10.

B.2.
D.B.
D.D.G.

Morgan Goronwy REES, the subject of this file, has been for many years a close friend of Guy BURGESS (PF.604,529).

REES has now made a statement (see 5a) in which he alleges that he knew that BURGESS was a Soviet agent and that he assisted BURGESS in his clandestine activities. I am therefore applying for a telephone check on SONNING 3197 installed at Falcon House, Sonning, Berks., the subscriber to which is Goronwy REES.

R. Reed
R.T. Reed.

B.2.a.
14.6.51

14.6.51 To G.P.O. re calls made from REES' number

11.

14.6.51 Extract from interview with [redacted] mentioning REES

15.6.51 Telephone check No. 1246 on SONNING 3197

12.

15.6.51 To G.P.O. re t.c. on SONNING 3197

13.

16.6.51. Extract from Interview Report [redacted]

18.6.51 Extract from Daily Mail article on interview with REES

14.

19.6.51 Extract from F.O. report on BURGESS mentioning REES

19.6.51 Extract from B.2. note in investigation of BURGESS/MACLEAN mentioning REES

19.6.51 Copy of interview [redacted] mentioning REES

15.

28.6.51 Extract from T.C. on HEWIT mentioning REES

5.7.51 Extract from B.2. note on contacts of BURGESS, mentioning REED

16.

6.7.51 Note re reimposition of BLUNDEN t.c's

7.7.51 ~~Extract from t.c. on PLANAGAN mentioning RALEIGH~~ *trans. to Supp. Vol.*

17.

9.7.51. Extract from T/C on BLUNDEN ment. RALEIGH

11.7.51 Extract from T/C on BLUNDEN mentioning RALEIGH.

14.7.51 Copy of report of interview with BLUNT re BURGESS

10b

11:
11a

12a

13a.
13b

14a

14b
14c

15ab
15b

16a
16b

50/W
000 1
Ed Gp
EGII
ODE

MINUTE SHEETReference PP. 604583

18.

D.B.

We agreed today that REES should be interviewed again, and that this should be done by Martin and myself, a convenient time being next Saturday morning, July 21st. You kindly undertook to arrange this with REES.

His address is Falcon House, Sonning, Berks, telephone number Sonning 3917.

I understand that he is usually away from home during the day, arriving back at about 7 p.m. The simplest thing to do would probably be to write him a letter inviting him to come here on the day stated, if he can manage it.

Alternatively, I suggest any weekday evening at 5 p.m.

J. C. Robertson
J. C. Robertson.

B.2.
16.7.51.

17.7.51

Copy of B.4. report mentioning REES

18b

19.

18.7.51.

To Rees asking him to come to the office.

19a.

20.

20.7.51

To G.P.O. asking for sub. to 9 - 62561 (FREWIN)

20a

21.

Note

I have given C.2.a. the personal particulars of REES and asked them to obtain for me urgently his Army Papers. I added to the particulars on this file the fact that at some stage during the war he was stationed in England with H.Q., 38th Welch Fusiliers, Home Forces, a fact which I determined from the correspondence which we obtained from BURGESS' flat.

R.T. Reed
R.T. Reed.

B.2.a.
25.7.51

22.

30.7.51

Note by B.2.b on Interview with REES on 24.7.51

22a

1554) Wt21293/997
7/50 600,000 JC&S
Ltd. Gp736/209
(REGIMINT)
CODE 5-34-0

THIS IS A COPY
ORIGINAL DOCUMENT RETAINED
IN DEPARTMENT UNDER SECTION
3(4) OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS
ACT 1958 OCTOBER 2020

[OVER]

23.

(Copy in PF.604582 - BLUNT)

D.B.

Please see Mr. Martin's summary at 24a of his and my interview with REES on July 24th.

I have nothing to add to this note, which gives an accurate account of the main features of a conversation lasting for about two hours and a half. I agree with the conclusions set out at the bottom of Page 4, of which (2) is probably the most important.

On this point, I should say that both Martin and I had the firm impression that REES (who was very nervous throughout the interview) was not being wholly frank. In making what I am convinced was a slip in his reference to BURGESS's Russian contact as having come from Paris, he gave us some insight regarding the kind of information which he may be concealing from us.

As you will see, the information which he gave us was by no means free from contradiction. On the one hand, BURGESS was notable for his "security consciousness"; and on the other he went out of his way to recruit a virtually useless source in REES and to inform REES that BLUNT was another of his sources. On the one hand he has said that he was led to think that BURGESS was telling the truth (see Page 2 of 5a); on the other, he remarked to us on July 24th that BURGESS appeared to have been lying in his mention of BLUNT as one of his sources.

This last point is one in regard to which I had, at the conclusion of the interview with REES, the strong impression that he in fact knew BURGESS's statement in 1937 about BLUNT to be true. In this connection, it is perhaps relevant to consider the somewhat curious manner in which REES and BLUNT presented themselves simultaneously at this office in order to volunteer the information which has now gone on record in their signed statements. I feel obliged to record my firm impression - despite the absence of evidence to support it - that the explanation of this was as follows.

Both BLUNT and REES had for many years withheld vital information from the security authorities. On the face of it, it would appear that REES's guilt was the lesser, since he had not like BLUNT been employed in the Security Service. REES also had less to lose than BLUNT, in that the latter's public position renders him particularly vulnerable. It seems to me very possible that, REES having informed BLUNT that he could no longer withhold from the proper authorities at least a part of what he knew about BURGESS, the two men came to an agreement whereby each would make a mutually agreed statement. This agreement would include an understanding that REES, in implicating BLUNT in BURGESS's activities, would do so in a manner which would not prevent BLUNT from denying it convincingly.

I have already, as you know, spoken to D.D.G. about this theory, and I suggested to him that, if he had an opportunity, he might attempt to draw BLUNT on the subject before the latter left for Greece. No opportunity in fact occurred.

I should be grateful if you would now consider the matter again yourself, with regard to the possibility of our telling BLUNT, on his return to this country, that we do not accept the truth of his statement unreservedly, at the same time guaranteeing to him (if you think we can go so far) that he will not suffer in his career or reputation, if he tells us with complete frankness every detail of his knowledge of BURGESS's espionage.

B.2.
31.7.51.

J. C. Robertson
J. C. Robertson.

MINUTE SHEET

Reference.....

AB 27/8
look speak
to me about
the line I feel I might take should
27/8
D.D.G.

23. I would like you to read 22a and minute
 23. Would you be prepared to interview BLUNT
 again on the points raised therein on his return
 from Greece?

D.B.
2.8.51.*D.G. White.*

25.

3.8.51

To S.B. cancelling instructions to Ports re REES

25a

26.

8.8.51.

Loose B.I.E. minute to B.2. re REES.

26a

THIS IS A COPY
 ORIGINAL DOCUMENT RETAINED
 IN DEPARTMENT UNDER SECTION
 3(4) OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS
 ACT 1958 *MARCH 2022*

27.

10.8.51.

Extract from Army Papers for REES.

27a

21.8.51

Extract from *[redacted]* t.c. mentioning RALEIGH27c
27d

28.

B.2.*Copy in PF.604,582 - (BLUNT)*

I spoke to the D.D.G. before he left for America.
 Blunt only returned from Greece ~~myself~~ on the D.D.G.'s
[redacted] office. Any interview was therefore
 impracticable but the D.D.G. had objections in principle
 to the proposed interview, these being that he did not
 see how he could give any sort of assurance to Blunt
 that, whatever revelations he might make, no action would
 follow. I agreed with him that such an assurance is not
 within his power to give.

We shall have to reconsider our approach in this
 case, and should discuss it when you are ready.

D.B.
27.8.51.*D.G. White.*

[OVER

28b

31.8.51.

Extract from Telecheck on PEACH, ment. RALEIGH

29.

D.B.

Reference Minute 28.

We agreed to reconsider the position on the
return of the D.D.G.

J. C. Robertson
J. C. Robertson.

B.2.
6.9.51.

30.

8.9.1951 - Int. letters to Guy BURGESS.

30a.

31.

25.9.51. Note re RALEIGH's attitude to the "closing" of MACLEAN case

31a

32.

9.10.51. Extract from MCGIBBON telecehck mentioning RALEIGH

32z

15.10.51 Letter to Special Branch re journey to Russia believed made by REES.

32a

33.

16.10.51 Requested expired passports of REES.

18.10.51 Passport papers for REES received

33b

34.

22.10.51 - From Special Branch in reply to 32a.

34a.

35.

24.10.51 - To Special Branch further to 32a.

35a.

36.

27.10.51 From SB re RALEIGH's supposed journey Russia

36b

31.10.51. Interview with Rosamund LEHMANN on 29.10.51.

36c

MINUTE SHEETReference PF 604, 583

37

5.11.51. To B.5. enclosing extra copies of photograph as requested.

37a

38

8.11.51. To S.B. thanking them for 36b.

38a

39

22.11.51. Extract from telecheck mentioning REES.

39a

40

28.11.51. B.2. Minute (original on BURGESS) ment. REES.

40z.

30.11.51. Extract from telecheck mentioning REES.

40a

41.

November 1951 - Copy of letter to REES found with BURGESS' correspondence at
Courtauld's Institute

41a

28.1.52. Ext. from T/C on WEL.4181 ment. REES.

41b.

42.

10.3.52 From Carey Foster enclosing letter from Roberts re. REES

42a

43.

5.4.52 B.2 note on t.c.'s including REES's

43a

44.

8.4.52 To Saffery suspending REES t.c. from 3.4.52 indefinitely

44a

45.

3.6.52. Extract from T/C

45a

46.

Extract from T/C
Extract from Source Report re FINLAY mentioning RALEIGH.

46a

46b.

52.
52.
Vt39541/1032
05,000 JC&S
Gp736/209
GIP (NT)
E 5-34-0THIS IS A COPY
ORIGINAL DOCUMENT RETAINED
IN DEPARTMENT UNDER SECTION
3(4) OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS
ACT 1958
JANUARY 2022

[OVER

47.

21.7.52

Extract from T.C. on _____ mentioning RALEIGH

47a

48.

~~17.9.52.~~

~~To G.F. Saffery, re-imposing T.C. on REES at line 2137.~~

~~48a.~~

49.

~~5.9.52.~~

~~B.L.B. briefing sheet re REES~~

~~49a~~

FILE CLOSED

FILE CLOSED

THIS IS A COPY
OF THE ORIGINAL
DOCUMENT
AND IS NOT
TO BE USED
FOR
REPRODUCTION
OR
FOR
OTHER
PURPOSES
EXCEPT
AS
AUTHORIZED
BY
THE
NATIONAL
ARCHIVES

6
3011
51 8
RE
COI

Form 81/rev. 1.52.

EXTRACT.

47A

Extract for File No.: PF. 604583. Name: RALEIGH.
 Original in File No.: PF. 604589. Supp. Serial: 125. Vol.: 21.7.52.
 Original from: T.C. on Under Ref.: 20.7.52. Dated: 20.7.52.
 Extracted on: 28.7.52. by: P.B.C. Section: B.2.A.

* If the original is in the file of an individual
 include the name of the file owner

Outgoing call from [redacted] to Denning 3197 to Margy (REES).
 He told her how very much he was looking forward to coming
 down next week-end. He hoped he had not been wrong in
 encouraging Susie to take part in his little racing orgy.
 Margie said she was tremendously excited about it. It seemed
 that [redacted] was meeting Susie at Waterloo at midday on Friday
 en route for Harst Park. She was returning to Denning in
 the evening. She was coming up again for the racing on Saturday
 and [redacted] would return with her in the evening. He hoped
 Margy and REES could come one day. This was impossible because
 they were servantless now.
 Margy told him about the children and the chapter of accidents
 which had occurred.
 [redacted] agreed to come up to London with REES on Monday
 morning. He said he had much to talk to the latter about.
 19.02.

THIS IS A COPY
 ORIGINAL DOCUMENT RETAINED
 IN DEPARTMENT UNDER SECTION
 3(4) OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS
 ACT 1958
 JANUARY 2022

Form 81/rev. 1.52.

488

EXTRACT.

PF. 604589.
PF. 604593. ✓

Extract for File No.: Name: RALEIGH. ✓

Original in File No.: * Serial: 29a. Vol: Receipt Date: 17.

Original from: Source Report. Under Ref.: B1F/MK. 331. Dated: 16.6.52.

Extracted on: 23.6.52. by: P.B.C. Section: B.2.A.

* If the original is in the file of an individual
include the name of the file owner

.....1.....

(This refers to the BURGESS-MAC
affair)

3. With regard to David FOOTMAN, FINLAY says that he is now being very close and discreet about the affair and hardly ever mentions it. FOOTMAN had, however, mentioned the letter reproduced in the Daily Express and it seemed that he (FOOTMAN) had been discussing the matter with Coronwy REES. The latter's opinion was that the letter was an old one and nothing to do with the disappearance.

THIS IS A COPY
ORIGINAL DOCUMENT RETAINED
IN DEPARTMENT UNDER SECTION
3(4) OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS
ACT 1958

JANUARY 2022

Form 81/rev. 1.52.

EXTRACT.

46a

Extract for File No.: PF. 604593. Name: RALEIGH.
 Original in File No.:* PF. 604589. Supp. Serial: 112. Vol: Receipt Date: 6.6.52.
 Original from: T.C. on Under Ref.: Dated: 4.6.52.
 Extracted on: 10.6.52. by: P.B.C. Section: B.2.A.

If the original is in the file of an individual include the name of the file owner

Incoming call to [redacted] from (Elaine PINLAY). They agreed to meet for lunch at 1.15 at the Salad Bowl. [redacted] asked if she had Jack GERBER's home address at Bradford. She gave it as - Cliffe Court, Baildon, Nr. Bradford, Yorks. His other address was - J.S. GERBER (ph) Low Moor Steel Works, Low Moor. [redacted] said he was asking because Goronwy had met, and liked him, at her party. Goronwy had a factory in Leeds and some property near Bradford - he might like to call in to see Jack. It was agreed that this would be an excellent move. (Elaine) thought Audrey would like (Goronwy) very much too.

09.00.

WARNING

REFER TO APPROPRIATE
OFFICER BEFORE USING

THIS IS A COPY
ORIGINAL DOCUMENT RETAINED
IN DEPARTMENT UNDER SECTION
3(4) OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS
ACT 1958 JANUARY 2022

Form 81/rev. 1.52.

Held B.2.

PF. 604583

EXTRACT.

RALEIGH, Jonathan.

Extract for File No.: Name:
 Original in File No.: * PF. 604589. Supp. Serial: 110 Vol: Receipt Date: 3.6.52.
 Original from: T.C. on Under Ref.: Dated: 29.5.52.
 Extracted on: 5.6.52. by: P.B.C. Section: B.2.4

WARNING

REFER TO THE OFFICER BEFORE

29.5.52.

Outgoing call from [redacted] to Goronwy (RELS) at Sonning.
 He asked after MARGY and said he had received a very nice
 letter from her. Goronwy told him that she had returned
 home today and they were both looking forward to seeing
 [redacted] on Sunday. He then asked if [redacted] was going to
 Hurst Park and if so, would he be alone. [redacted] said he
 and Elaine were going. It was arranged that MARGY should
 accompany them - she was to come here first for a drink.
 They expected to leave Waterloo about 1.

19.12.

* If the original is in the file of an individual
 include the name of the file owner

THIS IS A COPY
 ORIGINAL DOCUMENT RETAINED
 IN DEPARTMENT UNDER SECTION
 3(4) OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS
 ACT 1958 JANUARY 2022

Box 500,
Parliament Street B.O.,
London, S.W.1.

T.C. No. : 2437

from 3.4.52

Signature

C. A. G. Sinkins
e.....
C. A. G. Sinkins

Copy to file No.: PP-604,383 ✓

(Use this Form for both carbon copies).

FF.604582 - BLUNT.

(Copies in: FF.72493 - CAIRNCROSS.
FF.604589 - FOOTMAN.
FF.604643 - HARRIS.
FF.604584 - PEACH.
FF.604583 - REES.)

NOTE.

B.2.a.

D.B. asked me on 3.4.52 whether I considered it necessary to maintain telephone checks on BLUNT, REES, PEACH, HARRIS and FOOTMAN, and if so for what purpose this was being done.

I said that these checks were being maintained as adjuncts to a plan of investigation. This plan was:-

- (a) To obtain as much information as possible from John CAIRNCROSS (whose investigation we regarded as by no means concluded) about BURGESS's circle of acquaintances in general, with particular reference to the persons named above, who are still under suspicion of having been members of the network of Soviet agents described by VOLKOV, whether or not they were conscious spies.

(While it was perfectly possible that the "BURGESS Network" may have been less well defined than the term "network" would suggest, and equally possible that a number of its members may have been no more than unconscious sources of BURGESS, our view was that BURGESS did have at his disposal several fully conscious spies in the full sense of the term. I considered that we should in no way relax our efforts to identify these spies, if they exist. In pursuing this task, I said that we were being guided by the personal and political records of the individuals whom we had had under scrutiny in this context, and in particular by their frankness or lack of it when interviewed by us. We did not consider that either REES or BLUNT had been frank, and new information seemed likely to be forthcoming from CAIRNCROSS to justify our distrust of BLUNT.)

- (b) Having assessed such further information as we are able to obtain from CAIRNCROSS, and also from Mr. Courtenay Young's interrogation of Humphrey SLATER (q.v.), we intend to reinterview BLUNT, making it clear to him that we do not accept his account of his relationship with BURGESS, or of his own early political development, emphasising that these were matters which we should not leave alone, that in due course we should arrive at the truth, and that if BLUNT himself has not so far told us as much of the truth as he knows, he will be well advised to be frank with us before we arrive at the truth by our own means, as we shall in due course inevitably do.

I reminded D.B. that we had already submitted to him our recommendation that BLUNT be interviewed again, and that the decision had been in favour of postponing it until we are better able to assess the product of the CAIRNCROSS enquiry. D.B. confirmed this decision, and agreed in principle with the plan to interview BLUNT in the near future.

I agreed with D.B. that the position as regards the telephone checks on these persons would be regularly reviewed, and that if the plan outlined here comes to nothing they would be suspended or cancelled. They should not in any circumstances be maintained unless in aid of a positive operational plan.

2.

I later informed Mr. Skardon of my talk with D.B., and of the fact that we aimed to interview BLUNT again, and that Mr. Skardon will be asked to undertake the interview. Mr. Skardon expressed himself in general agreement with the view which we are taking of the persons named above, insofar as they may have been connected with BURGESS's espionage, and said that he would be prepared to undertake the BLUNT interview when we are ready.



J. G. Robertson.

B.2.
5.4.52.

N. T. PARS 10/3

42A

ROBERTS Peter Geof frey (Sheffield Heeley Div.)

S. of Sir Samuel Roberts 2nd Bart. B.23.6.12.

Ed. Harrow and Trinity Camb. m. Dec 1939

Judith d. of Randell Hempson. Barr-at-Law

Inner Temple. Maj Colds Gds. Memb. for

Ecclesall div July 45 - 50 and for Heeley div.

Feb. 1950 - Red Holme, Sandygate Road, Sheffield. (32700).

Carlton Club

Foreign Office, S.W.1. WPA

7th March, 1952.

Rec'd 10.3.52

E.4.

Dear Sirs

I enclose a copy of a letter
received by the Parliamentary Under Secretary,
which may be of interest.

Yours sincerely

J. A. C. Jones

D.G. White, C.B.E.,
M.I.5.

P. n. P.F. RALPH.

WAG.

Copy.

4th March, 1952.

House of
Commons.

Private and Confidential.

Dear Anthony,

I am writing this letter to you just in case the information it contains might be of use to your Department. Often it is little things such as this which fit into a larger puzzle about which of course one knows nothing. If, however, the matter turns out to be insignificant please forgive me for troubling you.

1. When reading the newspapers with regard to the disappearance of Maclean and Burgess, I noticed it was stated that one of the last people with whom they had been in telephonic communication in this country was a man called Goronwy Rees, who I understand is now a journalist in Fleet Street. He has always had violent left wing tendencies.

2. Just recently I have read the book called "I believe", by a man who was working as a Communist with the Daily Worker. In it he states how information was being supplied to that paper by Communist sympathisers.

3. I remember a year or so back, during one of their attempts to attack me personally, that the Daily Worker used information (twisted round) from a conversation which I had had with Goronwy Rees during the war. They did not of course state that the conversation was with Goronwy Rees, merely that it had taken place, but I am quite certain that the only person who could have given this information to the Daily Worker would have been this Goronwy Rees.

These three points added together show very clearly, to my mind, that Goronwy Rees is connected with the Daily Worker in that he sent them information which at the time of sending must have been very insignificant, and also that he had a connection with Maclean and Burgess.

Whether this information is of any use at all, I do not know, but I feel that I should not have done my duty if I had not passed it on to you in confidence.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd) Peter Roberts.

Anthony Nutting Esq., M.P.,
Foreign Office.

S. Form 81/rev. 1.52.

SECRET

EXTRACT.

Extract for File No.: P.F. 604, 583. Name: REES.

Original in File No.: P.F. 604, 582. Serial: 250. Vol S.4. Receipt Date: 28.1.52.

Original from: T/C on WEL. 4181 Under Ref.: Dated: 27.1.52.

Extracted on: 12.12.52. by: E.S. Section: B.2.B.

Extract from T/C on WEL. 4181 ment. REES.

BLUNDEN rings Mrs. BASSETT BLUNDEN says he will come round and see her during the middle of the week. She asks if he has seen anything of GORONWY or anybody. BLUNDEN says he has not seen or heard of GORONWY for months. She asks about EILEEN or KIM, and he says he has not heard of them either. He says he really must ring them. She thinks the PHILBYs might be going down to Wiltshire for this week end. ESTHER told her this.

22.18.

* If the original is in the file of an individual include the name of the file owner

SECRET

ESB. 12.3.52

S. Form 81

EXTRACT.

410

Extract for File No.: P.F. 604,583. *held 39* Name: REES.

Original in File No.: P.F. 604,529. supp B. Serial: Item 371. Receipt Date: November, 1951

Original from: Under Ref.: Dated:

Extracted on: 19.1.52. by: VSJ Section: B. 2. b.

Copy of letter to REES found with BURGESS' correspondence at Courtauld Institute

written by "Bill" BELTON (PF 723,006) — see also
Item 100 in PF 604,529/supp. B.





PASSEZ
À PARAMÉ

M. Guyonny Rees

Hôtel de l'Intendance

Rue de l'Université

Paris.

Paramo.
Saturday

My Dear Hermann.

I have arrived here. I am staying in a frightful pension, but I have found a country Hotel about 7 miles north of St. Malo. It is a sort of peasants inn with chickens and various other animals in the kitchen. Big the sea and plenty to paint. I go there on Monday. How glad I shall be to get out of this lousy march est in. St. Malo not a bad. Very dull at night too. I should have thought it better. A good example of French middle class respectability. The address is.

Hotel du Golfe

La Guimorais

Sanit-Coulomb

I.e.V

If you have time do come for a week
 next. I am sure you would love it.
 I hope to stay here some time. The Breton
 youth are very beautiful more
 beautiful than anything I have seen. It
 is most disturbing. I start to paint when
 I get at last to Guimorais. I can't
 paint here. I hope you are having
 a good time. I am thinking of trying
 to live in Paris this winter. If you
 meet anyone who knows it would
 be kind of you to ask them this to
 chat for me.

With love
 Bill

S. Form 81

EXTRACT.

40A

Extract for File No.: PF.604,583 Name: RALEIGH

Original in File No.: PF.51559/Supp MCGIBBON Serial: 726 Receipt Date: 30.11.51.

Original from: T/C on MCGIBBON Under Ref.: Dated: 29.11.51.

Extracted on: 6.12.51. by: PL Section: B2a

i/c Gronwy REES rings Miss REDMOND
 He apologises for the muddle about the cheques, but he simply
 wasn't allowed to receive any cheques, that was why he had had
 to return it to them. Miss REDMOND says they sent the same
 one to the Falcon Trust last night.

MP/R5
 11.12.51

For PF 604,583.

Copy of minute original at serial 335b in PF 604,529 vol. 7.

402

B.2.B./Mr. Martin.

Herewith the photostats relating to BURGESS's visit to Istanbul in 1948.

The telegrams show:-

1. That it was probably at the end of May that BURGESS first suggested to PEACH that he should visit him in Turkey.
2. That the suggestion was probably made by telegram, and that BURGESS was therefore in something of a hurry.

I ask you to consider whether there was any possibility that this journey was abnormal, having regard to its apparent suddenness and to the amount to which it must have cost BURGESS, travelling as he did by air.

In this connection, I suggest (as a theory) that BURGESS might have got wind of the approaching defection of BORODIN. Had this been so, he would have known nothing about BORODIN except that he was a senior Soviet Official. He would have had some grounds for fearing that BORODIN might be in possession of information about Soviet Intelligence activity, bearing on himself or PEACH.

If this surmise is correct, it seems to me not unreasonable to suppose that BURGESS might have become alarmed and decided immediately to consult PEACH, in order to seek his support and advice. In particular, he would require advice as to whether or not he or PEACH should inform the Russians, at the same time asking the latter whether BORODIN in fact possessed information which might endanger themselves.

In this connection, I attach Vol. 2 of BORODIN's PF. You will see from 91a and from the telephone check at 92b, that the possibility of BORODIN defecting was apparent by May 27th.

During this period BORODIN was in regular contact with the firm of BENNETT SONS & SHEARS, of which Goronwy REES was a director. This firm was also in contact with C.P.R. and (although I am not absolutely certain of this) REES was almost certainly the intermediary for this purpose. It is more than likely that Lang Brown said something about the possibility of BORODIN's defection to REES. He would have been in a position to do this by May 27th., and possibly a little earlier.

These facts seem to me to deserve careful consideration.

B.2.
28.11.51.

J.C. Robertson.

THIS IS A COPY
ORIGINAL DOCUMENT RETAINED
IN DEPARTMENT UNDER SECTION
3(4) OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS
ACT 1958 OCTOBER 2020

EB209
14-1-57

S. Form 81

EXTRACT.

39A

Extract for File No.: PF.604,583 Name: RAL EIGH
Original in File No.: PF.51559 McGIBBON Supp Serial: 718 Receipt Date: 22.11.51.
Original from: T/C on McGIBBON Under Ref.: Dated: 21.11.51.
Extracted on: 6.12.51. by: PL Section: B2a

3. O/G James rings (Welback 8201) for Goronwy REES
He had not been in this morning.

NR/R5
11.12.51.

TOP SECRET

PP. 604, 584

10000 MINUTE

37a

Mr. Halden
2.5/10.10.51

I enclose herewith two more photographs, one each of RALEIGH and HALLAM as requested in your P.134/3 of 1.11.51. I apologise that these were not sent to you in the first place, and will remember in future to send you three copies.

I also enclose three photographs of HALLAM. This is a good likeness as far as it goes, but HALLAM is now wearing a beard.

With reference to the note enclosed with Mr. Halden's minute of the above reference dated 26.10.51, we are unable to obtain a photograph of _____

2.2.52
5.11.51.

[Signature]
Secretary

Copy on:

PP. 604, 582 HALLAM
PP. 604, 583 RALEIGH
PP. 604, 643 HONEY

TOP SECRET

THIS IS A COPY
ORIGINAL DOCUMENT RETAINED
IN DEPARTMENT UNDER SECTION
3(4) OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS
ACT 1958

JANUARY 2022

SECRET

File.

See

PF.Y.604583/B2b/E.McB.

8th November, 1951.

Commander,
Special Branch.

Please refer to your letter of
the 27th October, 1951 regarding Morgan
Goronwy REES.

Thank you very much for the trouble
you were good enough to take in searching
your records with regard to REES. It
would appear that we must have been
misinformed about the date of this man's
journey to Russia.

EB

E.McBarnet.

E.McB/BE.

SECRET

Copies in: IF.604529 - BURGESS.
IF.604583 - RALEIGH. ✓

36C

Interview [redacted] on 29.10.51.

On the 26th October I spoke to [redacted] and discovered that [redacted] was still living at the Manor House, Little Wittenham, Abingdon, Berks, telephone number Clifton Hampden 8. I telephoned [redacted] and telling her that I was SEDDON and had been in touch with her brother in July, reminded her that she had seen a colleague of mine, Mr. PASCOE, and discussed with him certain matters attendant upon the disappearance of Guy BURGESS. She recalled the events instantly, and I said that I desired to have a further conversation with her and would call upon her at her convenience. We arranged that I should go to Little Wittenham at 2 p.m. on the 29th October.

During the 27th October for some reason or other she became apprehensive about the forthcoming visit and as a result Colonel Perfect was consulted and gave the necessary assurances, that I was a fit and proper person.

I saw [redacted] as arranged and told her that since we had no further news of the whereabouts of BURGESS and MACLEAN we were engaged upon the extremely difficult task of attempting to discover at this late hour whether there was any sinister background to their lives, such as might account for their disappearance. I added that we were in particular difficulty about the years from 1934 to 1936, and I was seeking her help to fill in such details as she could about BURGESS, his friends and associates, and his views during that period.

The whole purpose of seeing [redacted] as arranged, was to endeavour to persuade her to talk about PEACH without introducing his name or drawing attention to our interest in this gentleman. In this the interview fell short of the aim. I allowed [redacted] to "waffle", hoping that she would come to the point of interest. In fact, from any point of view the most interesting piece of information in her possession was that which she had been anxious to disclose and had in fact discussed with Col. Perfect at the earlier interview, namely that Geronwy REES told her that BURGESS was an agent of the Comintern. Whenever she discussed any aspect of BURGESS's life she always came back to that particular point. I will however attempt to relate her story.

To the best of her remembrance, she first met Guy BURGESS in 1934 or 1935. She [redacted] knew Guy BURGESS, Geronwy REES and Anthony BLUNT. In those days BURGESS was an openly avid, belligerent and bawling left winger. He became a personal family friend and even in those days was a noisy drunken homosexual with extremely shocking conversation. He was withal a most brilliant individual with a profound knowledge of history and a great love for Communism.

When the Spanish Civil War broke out Wogan PHILLIPS went off to Spain to drive an ambulance. To the best of [redacted] remembrance BURGESS openly sympathised with the Republicans, but both he and Geronwy REES were passionately rhetorical in their admiration for Wogan PHILLIPS. About this time the BURGESS intellectual circle included such individuals as Stephen SPENDER, AUDEN and ISHERWOOD, and it was probably about this time also that [redacted] indulged in a passionate affair with REES. Wogan PHILLIPS stayed on in Spain and fought in the ranks there until he was wounded and came home in the autumn of 1939.

BURGESS's activities took the form of tearing about meeting people and collecting information, as she thought being intent upon improving his own knowledge. She regarded him as a deeply political man, quite unprincipled and extremely ambitious. She always felt that he wanted to be a power behind some throne.

/over

Having regard to his deep interest in the Communist Party, she was a little surprised at certain right wing connections which he formed. He became Secretary to a politician of right wing tendencies, and he joined an extremely Tory organisation called the Imperial something Club. She took the view that he was living two lives, for his right wing interests were quite grotesque when considered in relation to his left wing beliefs. She did seek an explanation from him for his odd conduct, and he explained that one must discover what is going on if one is going to be any good to a cause. She gradually formed the view that he was more a talker with a split mind than a serious worker.

He was very frequently in and out of [redacted] house, and was made welcome whenever he appeared, and she formed the view that he was honestly very fond of her.

At some time during 1937 or 1938 (and try as she will [redacted] cannot remember more definitely the date) Gordon REES one evening told her that he had just had a terrific shock. He went on to say first that he could not tell [redacted] any details, and then said that he must tell her. He then informed her that BURGESS had told him that he was a Comintern agent. REES was completely staggered and insisted that should [redacted] repeat this to anyone else he would never forgive her. He told her to forget it, and also to forget that BURGESS had asked REES to join him in his activities. REES was completely undecided whether or not to fall in with BURGESS's ideas, but the serious attitude taken to the whole matter and the adjurations from REES as to silence made it impossible for [redacted] at any time to reopen the subject with him. She was left with the strong belief that had REES embarked on work for the Comintern with BURGESS, he would not have made this disclosure to her. She has no positive view beyond this hunch. She just does not know whether REES was loyal or not.

Wogan PHILLIPS made it plain that he despised BURGESS, and wrote him off as of no value to man or beast. At this time BURGESS was always with Anthony BLUNT, whom [redacted] met quite frequently as did her brother John, but the [redacted] interest with BLUNT was books and pictures.

After REES' disclosures, it was a fact that BURGESS and he were as much together as they had been formerly. She thought it was about this time also that BURGESS began to show a tremendous interest in a man attached to the Swiss Legation named KESSIER. He built this individual up to [redacted] as one of the most interesting and cultivated people in town, and said that he possessed one of the best political brains of the time. He was most anxious for [redacted] to meet KESSIER, which she did on one occasion at dinner, finding him to be extremely dull and without conversation. She has wondered since whether this was the mark of a spy.

After [redacted] conversation with PASCOE she met Sir Stewart Menzies, and remembering the KESSIER incident related it to him. He was quite excited she thought about this piece of information.

At the time of the Russo-German Pact in 1939, [redacted] remembers that all those with Communist sympathies were fairly shattered. When it was actually announced Guy BURGESS was in France with Anthony BLUNT, and [redacted] has the strong impression that someone else was in their party. This impression must have been gained from what she was told, for she had no personal knowledge of the trip.

At the time of Munich, REES joined the Territorials and [redacted] much admired his action. BURGESS on the other hand was cross with REES, but she believed that it was simply that BURGESS really thought that REES had done something which all decent people should do, and it was a sacrifice which BURGESS himself was not prepared to make.

3.

36c

She recalled that REES told her shortly after the Russo-German Pact that "Guy is just back from the Continent and he has suffered a total reversal", and her remembrance is that BURGESS had left BLUNT and someone else to wrestle with his conscience for two days. After doing so he took the decision that he would have to resign from whatever he was doing, for he could no longer believe that he was working for a just cause.

BURGESS was forever flitting hither and thither, and in 1938 [redacted] remembers that she was invited as a writer to attend an international Peace Congress for intellectuals in Paris. This was an anti-Fascist conference, the Chairman being Theodore DREISER, and Cecil Day LEWIS was another English representative. For some reason or other BURGESS tagged along with the party, and she was never able to think why he did so. He was certainly not a writer and had no business at the conference.

When the war came REES went into the army in the ranks, but with his fine brain emerged as she knew he would in a job of some importance. [redacted] was unable to remember when BURGESS was working where, but recalled that he had employment with the B.B.C. which went on she thought into the early days of the war, when he seemed to commence a career of passing from one job of confidence to another. In January or February 1940 BURGESS persuaded [redacted] to leave her children, much against her will, and go with him to Paris where he told her she was needed for work in connection with the war effort. She had no precise details from him, but he pressed her and persuaded her to go to Paris to explore the situation. BURGESS made all the arrangements, procuring air tickets and the like, and she met him at the airport to fly to Paris. He arrived carrying a diplomatic bag slung over his shoulder and they travelled together. In Paris they booked rooms at the Crillon and dined together that night. After air raid alarms, the following morning BURGESS took her along to the Radio Diffusion Francaise. Since BURGESS had told her that her well-known name was required in work of great importance, she expected to be received at the R.D.F. with some empressement. The whole thing turned out to be chaos and confusion. The head of R.D.F., GIRARDOUX, could not be found and they went away hoping to make contact with him in the afternoon. After lunch and a good deal of telephoning, BURGESS asked her whether she would see a woman at R.D.F. and she agreed to do so. She went alone to this interview which she found extremely abortive, noncommittal and inconclusive. The Frenchwoman seemed to have no idea why [redacted] was there, and [redacted] was completely unable to enlighten her. With some asperity she reported these details to BURGESS who said that all would be well when they made contact with GIRARDOUX. That evening BURGESS vanished on a blind, came back late full of apologies, gave her a good dinner and disappeared again. Next day [redacted] told BURGESS that she was going back, the whole thing seemed quite hopeless and she had no money left, and though BURGESS was full of apologies he seemed to be somewhat disappointed in [redacted] failure, though how she had failed she did not know. At this time there were the usual scares of invasion, and after being delayed at the airport owing to fog she flew back to England the next day. After this incident BURGESS faded out of [redacted] life. In assessing this adventure, [redacted] has come to the conclusion that the only explanation is that she was some sort of cover for one of BURGESS's trips.

During the war [redacted] became aware of the Bentinok Street set-up, consisting of Victor ROTHENBLID, Tess MAXER, Guy BURGESS, Pat LLEWELLYN DAVIES and Anthony BLUNT.

When she heard of BURGESS from time to time, she supposed that since he was so consistently in confidential employment he must (a) have had a complete change of heart, and (b) have been thoroughly screened before being engaged. She adhered to the view that his attachment to Communism was so deeply seated that he would never change his opinions.

This really concluded [redacted] story, and when I took her back into the 1934/1936 period she added nothing to it, except to mention that one of the tutors at Cambridge, one George RYLANDS, was an ind

THIS IS A COPY
ORIGINAL DOCUMENT RETAINED
IN DEPARTMENT UNDER SECTION
3(4) OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS
ACT 1958 OCTOBER 2020

4.

36c

who knew Guy BURGESS extremely well. [redacted] is left with the belief that whilst BURGESS was very fond of her, and she says that he had a great warmth of heart, he used her to put him into touch with people who mattered in her circle of life.

Just as I was leaving she referred to somebody who had reported to the Foreign Office something of BURGESS's behaviour in the United States, and this gave me the opportunity to ask whether she knew with whom he was living in the U.S.A. She said yes of course, it was FRACH, who had been one of his closest friends in the pre-war years. She said that BURGESS was always with him but she knew little about FRACH personally, having only met him on two or three occasions. She understood that BURGESS had some admiration for mental qualities. I was quite unable to develop this theme without unduly drawing attention to my interest in the individual, whom [redacted] knew to have Broadway connections.

his

I have no doubt that [redacted] is thoroughly loyal and anxious to assist. She wondered as I was leaving her whether it was her duty in advance of the disappearance to make known to the authorities the story told her in confidence by Coronwy REES. I told her that in my view this was much more the duty of REES himself, and I found [redacted] extremely critical of people like Lord ROTHSCHILD, Anthony BLUNT and Coronwy REES, all of whom had been engaged in official employment and all of whom seemed to have failed to inform the authorities of the undesirability of employing a man with BURGESS's extreme views.

[redacted] promised should she recall anything further to communicate with me as SEDDON at Ext.393, War Office.

V. J. Skardon
V. J. Skardon.

B.2.a.
31.10.51.

THIS IS A COPY
ORIGINAL DOCUMENT RETAINED
IN DEPARTMENT UNDER SECTION
3(4) OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS
ACT 1958 OCTOBER 2020

8828.

Special Branch,

866

New Scotland Yard,

LONDON, S.W.1

27th October, 1951.

ENCL

27 OCT 1951

TO

B2B

REF

P.F. 604,583

M.I.5.

Referring to your PF.Y.604583/B2b/E.McB,
dated 24th October, 1951 regarding Morgan Goronwy
REES :-

We have now searched our records from
1930 to 1938 but cannot trace any journey made
by REES in a Soviet ship. We have a report
however, that a Morgan C. REES, British passport
No. 701296, arrived in London by M/v "Sibier"
from Leningrad on 25.9.32. He might possibly be
identical.


for Commander.

36a.

THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENT
RETAINED IN DEPARTMENT
UNDER SECTION 3(4) OF
THE PUBLIC RECORDS
ACT 1958.

SECRET

File.

35A

PF.Y.604583/B2b/E.McB.

24th October, 1951.

Commander,
Special Branch.

Morgan Goronwy REES - Born 29.11.1909 at
Aberystwyth, Cardiganshire.

With reference to my PF.Y.604583/B2b/E.McB of the 15th October and your letter of the 19th October, regarding the above-named, I should be most grateful if you would look this man up in your records with a view to the possibility that his journey to and from Russia occurred in 1936 or possibly 1937. We have reason to believe that this journey definitely took place, but our original information that it took place in 1935 may have been incorrect.

E.McB/BE.


E. McBarnet.

SECRET

8/6/52 B.
25.10.51

8803.

Special Branch,

New Scotland Yard,

LONDON, S.W.1

34A

ENCL

22 OCT 1951

19th October, 1951.

TO B2B.

REF PF.Y 604,583. — Held B2.

M.I.5.

Referring to your PF.Y.604583/B2b/E.McB,
dated 15th October, 1951, concerning Morgan
Goronwy REES;—

32a.

We regret we cannot trace any record of
the departure for, or arrival from, Russia, of
REES during 1935.

Held B2

[Signature]
Commander.

25/10/51
25.10.51

U R G E N T

REQUEST FOR PASSPORT OR PERMIT PAPERS.

R.1 (LONDON) for H.O. representative.

Please obtain:—~~LATEST PASSPORT FILE~~ ☐ ~~LATEST PERMIT FILE~~ ☐

(Mark item(s) required.)

for the following:— **ANY EXPIRED PASSPORTS**

OUR FILE No.: PF.604583

SURNAME: REES

CHRISTIAN NAMES: Morgan Goronwy

PLACE AND DATE
OF BIRTH: Aberystwyth
29.11.1909

PROFESSION:

ADDRESS: 26 Cavendish Avenue, St. Johns Wood, N.W.8

*PARTICULARS OF
TRAVEL ABROAD:*NUMBER AND DATE
OF PASSPORT:

Section.....B.2.b.....

Signature.....A.S. Martin.....

Date.....16.10.51.....

* Where known.

SECRET

File.

32a

PF.Y.604583/B2b/E.McB.

15th October, 1951.

Commander,
Special Branch.

Morgan Goronwy REES - Born 29.11.1909 at
Aberystwyth, Cardiganshire.

I am anxious to trace a journey to Russia believed to have been made by the above-named in a Soviet ship in 1935. We are unable to give the precise date of this journey, but it may be possible that you have the information in your records of travellers to and from the Soviet Union.

I should be most grateful for a sight of the lists containing REES' name if it is possible for you to trace them.

E.McB/BE.


E. McBarnet.

SECRET

330/1117
16/10/51

to retain for Raleigh.
SECRET *322*

NAME: James MACGIBBON

T.C. No.: 2142/1792

Tel. No.: Chancery 5872

Date: 9 Oct. 51.

Responsible Section: B.2.A. *P. W. P. F. RALEIGH*Re-Cap 9 Oct. 51 MACGIBBON/REES.

O/G James rings Welbeck to GORONWY REES.
 James was ringing him up on a long chance in case Rees could help him. Did he happen to know of an 18th Century Welsh character TOOM-SHONE-CATTY (ph) Rees did know about him.
 James says that a friend of his who edited a magazine had been fishing in Wales and came back through what had been the stamping ground of Toom-Shone-Catty, and had said that if he (J) could find someone to write the story of it, he would certainly publish the story, in his magazine, and pay £200 for it. Could Rees suggest a robust Welsh comic writer who might deal with such a subject.
 Rees says there was a character, a very distinguished Welsh poet, who had also written some stories in Welsh, which he thought extraordinary good and amusing, and was well up in Welsh history. His name was CARADOC PRITCHARD.
 James asks if he might write to him, and for the address, and whether he could say Rees had suggested his name.
 Rees says he could certainly mention his name, and thought he lived in Cavendish Avenue, but he would find in the book. James starts stuttering worse than ever and asks after Henry....
 Interrupted by Rees saying he was all right.
 James says that he (Rees) had had something wrong with his health too, was he quite all right now?
 Rees says he was very well, but how was James getting on?
 James says all right, though full of worries and alarms like all other publishers always seem to be. They were very happy really.
 Rees asks after Noel's book (Noel ANNAN's Leslie STEVEN)
 James says it was selling not badly at all.
 Rees thought it a very good book. Excellent.
 James enlarges on how few copies book seller bought now-a-days. He had a curious feeling that elections stopped sales.
 Rees says it certainly had stopped theirs. Exactly nothing for about a month.
 James is very comforted to hear that, but he had thought it was only book sellers who were rather neurotic and thought that elections upset things.
 Rees was sure nobody would do anything until the election was over. He was very glad Noel's book was going so well.
 James says he is sorry that they never saw him (Rees) in St. John's Wood High Street any more.
 Rees says he missed it.
 James sends his love to Henry.

(W. 35)

15.50.

31a

Source: L/1001

TOP SECRET

D.W.
 27/9 ~~DB~~
 B2A (Mr. Sinkins) } h-sa

Cf. 604.324
 [

1. _____ has recently indicated that he will probably shortly require the whole of his flat for his own purposes, and that the present occupant of the lower part will have to move out.

2. At a cocktail party some weeks ago, at which Goronwy REES and a member of M.I.5. were present the former, knowing where the latter is employed, asked whether M.I.5. were still actively engaged on the aftermath of the MACLEAN/BURGESS case. The member of M.I.5. is understood to have replied that the general impression was that the case had to be regarded as closed.

3. Goronwy REES is understood to have remarked that it was difficult to reconcile this with the fact that he was recently interviewed by a Mr. Robertson of M.I.5., whereas he had previously always seen a Mr. White. The member of M.I.5. is said to have replied that Mr. Robertson, having a facile pen~~x~~, is usually commissioned to write up histories of important cases, which lends support to the view that the case has been dropped. This appears to have been a source of relief to Goronwy REES.

P.W. in RAL 516 H.
 W. in

25.9.51.

Copy for B2 (for B2a)

TOP SECRET

THIS IS A COPY
 ORIGINAL DOCUMENT RETAINED
 IN DEPARTMENT UNDER SECTION
 3(4) OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS
 ACT 1958
 JANUARY 2022

Form 81

EXTRACT.

RALEIGH.

286

Extract for File No.: PF. 604,583
 PF. 604,589 Name: _____

Original in File No.: PF. 604,584/Supp. Serial: 70b Receipt Date: 31.8.51.

Original from: Telecheck on PEACH. Under Ref.: KNT. 2437 Dated: 30.8.51

Extracted on: 3.9.51 by: EMN Section: B.2.a.

.....

Outgoing call from PEACH to _____ at his office. The latter invited PEACH to "my sub-tenant's flat" for drinks, beer and sandwiches on Friday, 7th September. RALEIGH and MARGY would be there. PEACH thought it was an excellent idea. _____ asked him to advise him, in preparation for the 10th. He asked whether "the lady" read and if so what was her taste. He added that he could only think of some eau-de-dologne in a funny bottle. PEACH said it was awfully kind of him and thought that a fine suggestion. He commented that it would be fun for all concerned if they all ended up the evening drenched in eau-de-cologne.

THIS IS A COPY
 ORIGINAL DOCUMENT RETAINED
 IN DEPARTMENT UNDER SECTION
 3(4) OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS
 ACT 1958 JANUARY 2022

27d

THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENT
RETAINED IN DEPARTMENT
UNDER SECTION 3(4) OF
THE PUBLIC RECORDS
ACT 1958

27C

EXTRACT.

Extract for File No.: PF.55570
PF.604583 ✓ Name: REVAI
RALEIGH ✓
 Original in File No.: PF.604589/Supp. Serial: 19 Receipt Date: 21.8.51
 Original from: Teletype check on Under Ref.: No.2149 Dated: 20.8.51
 Extracted on: 22.8.51 by: FBI Section: B.2.

O/G call by _____ to Col. BASSETT, who said he had rung to ask whether the
 name ROY (spelt) meant anything to _____ as a friend of Guy's (BURGESS).
 BASSETT did not know ROY's surname. _____ said that the name ROY rang a
 faint bell. He added that there had been the Hungarian, whom he spelled as
 REVOJ or REVAJ and described as a pinkish individual. _____ had met REVOJ
 only once, superficially. He knew that REVOJ had at one time wanted Guy to
 take over a flat at the Albany with him. _____ thought there might well
 be another ROY. He would ask RALEIGH tomorrow. BASSETT said his intention
 was to ring RALEIGH. _____ said again that the name ROY did ring a faint
 bell. But he might be thinking of REVOJ. Anyway there had been a huge number
 of people coming in and out on the fringe of Guy's friends, everybody using
 Christian names. _____ added that if RALEIGH failed, they were expecting
 BLUNDEN back in three or four days. _____ had a note in his diary to ring
 BLUNDEN's girl towards the end of this week to find out when he was due back.
 BASSETT thanked _____ apologised for bothering him and remarked that he
 had got the name ROY in a roundabout sort of way and was wondering who he
 might be.....

20.00

THIS IS A COPY
 ORIGINAL DOCUMENT RETAINED
 IN DEPARTMENT UNDER SECTION
 3(4) OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS
 ACT 1958 JANUARY 2022

27b

THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENT
RETAINED IN DEPARTMENT
UNDER SECTION 3(4) OF
THE PUBLIC RECORDS
ACT 1958

27A with
DDG

Extract from Army Papers of Morgan Goronwy REES - No. P.124582, Royal Welch Fusiliers.

- 23.3.40 Commissioned as 2nd Lt.. into Royal Welch Fusiliers from 161 O.C.T.U. Sandhurst
- 15.4.40 Joined I.T.C. R.W.F., Wrexham 6.4.40
- 12.8.40 Appointed Intelligence Officer 38th Division on completion of a course.
- 27.1.41 Appointed G.S.O.3 Intelligence Training Centre - New Court Trinity College, Cambridge. Made Acting Captain.
- 9.12.41 Nominated G.S.O.3.I.a, G.H.Q. Home Forces.
- 13.42 Appointed G.S.O.2(I) H/Q SE Command. Made Acting Major.
- 27.5.43 Appointed G.S.O.2. Planning Staff (Ops), G.H.Q., Home Forces, on completion of Staff Course.
- 10/24.12.43 In Military Hospital, Shenley, with Phlebitis in right leg.
- 31.7.44 21 Army Group said REES was now surplus as GSO 2 (Ops Trg and Inf) having recently been lent to G(Plans) and employed as a G302 (Int). They say they are prepared to release him if a suitable appointment is available.
- 11.8.44 REES was appointed GSO2 (Instructor) Control Commission School (He arrived in Portsmouth from Arronanches on 10.8.44)
- 24.11.44 Appointed GSO II Secretariat, Commissioners' Office, HQ Control Commission for Germany (British Element) w.e.f. 10.12.44.
- 17.4.45 Appointed S.O.1 Co-ordination Section, H.Q. Political Division w.e.f. 13/4/45
Made Acting Lt. Col.
- 10.9.45 Had medical examination in Berlin prior to release. (Served 2 months in Germany and 4 months in Germany)
- 1.10.45 Released
- 28.2.50 Applied to join the Regular Army Reserve of Officers and was appointed to the reserve in the Royal Welch Fusiliers with substantive rank of Major as from 1st January 1949, and granted the hon. rank of Lt-Col.

B.2.a.
10.8.51

Register No.

Minute Sheet No.

B.2.b. Mr. Martin.

I have obtained the Army Papers for REES and on looking through them I cannot see anything which I think is going to help us, but as the main effort at the moment seems to be on past events in this man's life, you may care to be the judge of the extent of the extracting which should take place.

There is nothing about the extent of the foreign travel which he is said to have engaged in prior to his enlistment and apart from one or two names and addresses which we have not already on record I do not really think the papers help us.

Perhaps we may reach some agreement on the amount of extracting to be done if I discuss the papers with you after you have looked at them.

B.2.a.
28.7.51.

R. Reed
R. T. Reed.

Mr. Crooks

Please make extracts showing his postings. Mr Martin & I cannot see anything else that will help us at all. B.2a *R. Reed*
3.8.51,

Register No.

Minute Sheet No.

~~At 3.3.51~~
B.2.

on re RALPH

26A

You may like to have the following on record concerning G.R. I met him occasionally in 1947 and 1948 when I was working in the Foreign Office German Section and he was a member of the Book Selection Committee, of which I was Chairman. I did not see him again until September, 1949, when I met him on the Worcester College Course. It struck me then that he appeared to have gone to pieces considerably and aged quite a lot and was probably drinking too much.

B.1.E.
 8.8.51.

D.H. Whyte
 D. H. Whyte

UB/S20
17-8-51

[P.T. Over

Copies in: PF.604,583 R
 PF.604,582 B
 PF.161 - 39 H
 PF.55570 REVA
 PF.45597 KLUG
 PF.45515 TOYN
 PF.604,591 HEW
 PF.604,592 POL
 PF.51559 Mac
 PF.604,584 PEACH

SECRET

PF.604,529/B2a/RTR

Commander,
Special Branch.

Would you please refer to my minute dated 9.6.51, with a request to circulate eight names to Special Branch officers at the Ports, and to subsequent messages from Mr. Skardon and minutes and two further names.

We think that the stage has been reached when the instructions to your officers about reporting the departure of these persons are cancelled. They are: -

REES, Morgan Coronwy
 Born: Aberystwith 29.11.09

HEWITT, Jack
 Born: Gateshead 17.5.17

POLLOCK, Peter W.
 Address: Sharlows, Slaunden, Hemel Hempstead.

HAMILTON, Gerald Francis Bernard
 Born: Shanghai 1.11.90

KLUGMAN, Norman John @ James
 Born: 27.2.1912 Hampstead.

TOYNBEE, Theodore Philip
 Born: 25.6.16 Oxford

BLUNT, Anthony Frederick
 Born: Bournemouth 26.9.07

REVAI, Dr. Andrew
 Hungarian, born 6.8.03

MacGIBBON, James
 Born Hamilton 18.2.1912

PHILBY, Harold Adrian Russell
 Born: Ambala, India, on 1st January 1912

R. T. Reed
 R.T. Reed.

3rd August 1951.

TOP SECRET

PF.604583

220

Copies on PF.604529
PF.604582(Extracts for KATZ, PFEIFFER,
R. LEHMANN, KLUGMAN, CORNFORD,
PEACH.

Morgan Goronwy REES was re-interviewed on 24th July 1951 by Mr. Robertson (B.2) and Mr. Martin (B.2.b). REES was invited to describe chronologically his knowledge of and relations with Guy BURGESS, but this he refused to do saying he preferred to answer direct questions. The information he gave has, for the purposes of this report, been collated. It will be presented in five parts:

Part I. Chronological account of BURGESS' career.

Part II. Details of BURGESS' alleged activities as a Comintern agent, 1937 - 1939.

Part III. BURGESS' associates.

Part IV. Description of BURGESS' character.

Part V. Interrogators' comments.

PART I Chronological account of BURGESS' career.

REES first met BURGESS in 1929 and, though they were at different universities (REES at Oxford, BURGESS at Cambridge) they saw each other fairly frequently and were close friends until 1935. REES stated that BURGESS was a member of the Communist Party from the time they first met until a date which he gave approximately as 1934/35.

During 1935 and 1936 REES was abroad (in Germany and Austria) and saw little of BURGESS. He was able to say, however, that before he went abroad BURGESS had openly renounced his membership of the Communist Party; and that when he returned BURGESS was no longer at Cambridge but was working in the Conservative Party Central Office.

REES was aware that BURGESS joined the B.B.C. in about 1936 but was not aware that he had changed his employment again (i.e. joined Section "D" of S.I.S.) before the war.

Of BURGESS' wartime and post-war career REES was fully aware but offered no new information.

In giving this information REES included one fact about himself which was not previously known to the interrogators: REES was employed from 1942 or 1943 until the end of the war as G.1 21 Army Group.

PART II Details of BURGESS' alleged activities as a Comintern agent, 1937 - 1939.

REES explained that, partly due to his own absence abroad and partly to his displeasure at BURGESS' renunciation of the Communist Party, he had drifted away from BURGESS after 1934. In 1937 they met again and made up their differences. On the third or fourth occasion after this renewal of contact BURGESS made the following proposal to him: he explained that his apparent defection from the Communist Party was made under direction; that since his defection he had been working as an agent of the Comintern collecting and supplying them with information; that he wished REES to assist him by passing him any interesting information that he might acquire; that Anthony BLUNT was one of his ~~agents~~ ^{Sources} but that he did not want REES to discuss the matter with BLUNT.

.../REES

TOP SECRET

02-5/11/11
30/11

TOP SECRET

-2-

REES stated that he accepted this assignment but pointed out that he was not in a position where he was likely to acquire any useful information. Some six or nine months later (he dates it 1938 because it was shortly before the Munich Agreement) he recounted to REES a conversation in which he had taken part at Oxford with Lord Halifax and others. REES said that this was the only occasion on which he had given BURGESS any information and that he would have done so anyway even if he had not been asked. 7 BURGESS

REES was closely cross-questioned on this account. He was asked whether BURGESS received his directive to leave the Communist Party while in Moscow; he replied that BURGESS had never said so and that he thought it unlikely although in fact the defection had happened shortly after BURGESS' return from Moscow. He was asked what was BURGESS' manner when he made the proposal; he replied that it was serious and that BURGESS had put it to him as a fellow Marxist; later, however, he appeared to contradict himself by saying that the whole thing was so "cloak and dagger" that he had wondered whether it was only an example of BURGESS' love of self-importance.

He was asked if there was any secrecy about the meeting when the proposal was made or any instructions for secrecy when material was handed over; he said no. Later, ~~a~~ propos of some other subject, he mentioned BURGESS' security consciousness. When asked to explain he cited this period as an example, but in fact only repeated what he had previously said which to the interrogators indicated a lack of security consciousness.

He was asked whether he knew of any other contacts of BURGESS who were involved in this espionage; he said that BLUNT was the only one BURGESS had named but he himself thought Rolf KATZ (see Part III) might have been, and that he had imagined Edouard PFEIFFER (see Part III) might have been used by BURGESS as an unconscious source.

He was asked to explain his reference at the earlier interview to a Russian or Russians whom BURGESS met in cafes; he explained that, after his recruitment, he had himself asked BURGESS to whom he passed his information and BURGESS had given that answer; he had the impression that there were several persons involved and that BURGESS did not know their identity. Very much later in the interview, and perhaps when off his guard, he said that he didn't see how we would ever identify "the Russian from Paris"; although, on questioning, he said that he had imagined rather than known that the Russian was from Paris, he showed some signs of worry perhaps attributable to the realisation that he had said more than he had intended.

He was asked whether between 1937 and 1939 he had known that BURGESS was employed by British Intelligence; he replied that he had not, imagining that he was still with the B.B.C.

He was asked whether he had ever told anyone else of this aspect of his association with BURGESS; he said that he had spoken to BLUNT about it in 1937 or 1938 (admitting that this was against BURGESS' instructions) and that he had imagined BLUNT understood what he was talking about, but presumed now, in the light of BLUNT's statement, that he did not; he also said that he had told Rosamund LEHMANN and later his wife.

He was asked whether he did not think it surprising that BURGESS had never given him a clear directive as to what information was required and had never complained at his lack of success; he said that he imagined BURGESS might have regretted bringing him into the network and therefore had never pressed him. When asked why he thought BURGESS would have regretted

.../it

TOP SECRET

TOP SECRET

-3-

it he replied that BURGESS might have thought him too indiscreet.

He was asked when he formally severed his connection with the work; he replied that he did so at the time of the Soviet-German pact and that BURGESS had accepted his decision without question. He was asked whether he thought BURGESS had also given up the work and, if so, when; he replied that he had always imagined BURGESS would have given up at the same time and, in support of this, cited the fact that during the war when for the first time he was in possession of valuable secret information, BURGESS had never either "pumped" him or suggested that he should resume work; he added that during the war BURGESS had seemed entirely happy and contented, which he had assumed was due to the fact that he no longer considered it necessary to continue this work; he also mentioned that after the war when he had reminded BURGESS of the work BURGESS became hysterical and refused to discuss it.

Variations of these questions were repeated throughout the interview. REES, although occasionally inconsistent on minor details, maintained his original story.

III. BURGESS' Associates.

It should be noted that on no occasion did REES mention David FOOTMAN as an associate (at the earlier interview he named him as a close friend) and only once did he mention PHILBY and then only in a passing reference.

(a) Cambridge Friends

REES said that among BURGESS' many University friends, he probably admired most James KLUGMAN and John CORNFORD. He added that BURGESS was wholeheartedly a member of the Communist Party and that his closest friends at that time were to be found there.

(b) 1937 - 1939

REES pointed to the difficulty of distinguishing among BURGESS' very wide circle of friends those whose ties were wholly or largely homosexual and those who were his intimates intellectually. Of the latter REES professed difficulty in remembering names. Besides himself he mentioned Christopher ISHERWOOD, John LEHMANN and Anthony BLUNT. He said he thought BURGESS had a great admiration for BLUNT.

The names of Rolf KATZ and Edouard PFEIFFER were again volunteered by REES and he was asked why he linked them together and appeared to consider them significant. After what appeared to be some evasion he said he had always thought that KATZ might have been connected with BURGESS' espionage. When it was pointed out to him that KATZ had no apparent value as a source, REES said that he had thought of him as possibly being a controller rather than an informant. When asked why he thought this, REES said that BURGESS had once told him that KATZ was an ex-Comintern agent who was now a Socialist. He added that he had met KATZ on one or two occasions, regarded him as highly intelligent and thought that BURGESS genuinely admired him.

PFEIFFER, he said, was in a different category. He regarded him as a corrupt French politician and assumed that if BURGESS was in fact using him for espionage purposes, it was as an unconscious source. When asked if he could think of others who might have been used by BURGESS in the same way, REES suggested Jack MACNAMARA, M.P.

(c) 1939 - 1951

REES could suggest no associates who would not already be known.

.../PART IV.

TOP SECRET

TOP SECRET

-4-

PART IV. Description of BURGESS' Character.

REES said - and it was a recurring theme throughout his answers - that BURGESS was the most complete Marxist he had ever known; that from their first meeting in 1929 (when BURGESS was 18 years old) until his disappearance, his every thought and action was dictated by his Marxist philosophy.

REES described him as a brilliant historian in his youth and always original in his thinking. His views were never clouded by prejudice. He was not, for instance, invariably pro-Soviet; he liked England, admired the Labour Government and enjoyed his own social environment; he liked Americans, too, and even in the last two years when he was bitterly opposed to American foreign policy, he maintained his friendships with Americans.

He was unashamedly promiscuous in his homosexual relations. While REES agreed that this and his heavy drinking undoubtedly contributed to his mental deterioration between 1948 and 1951, REES did not think they were the main factors. In REES' view it was due to overwhelming distress at the trend of world politics after the war.

REES said that for BURGESS to have been a Soviet spy in the period 1934 to 1939 was, in his view, entirely consistent with his character and philosophy. Indeed when he recruited REES in 1937 he was able to explain his motives entirely on Marxist grounds. When asked to express his views on whether BURGESS' interpretation of Marxist philosophy would have enabled him to continue spying after 1939 REES could come to no firm conclusions. He thought the best guide was BURGESS' attitude towards himself which was one of complete disinterest in the work he was doing which BURGESS must have known was highly secret.

PART V. Interrogators' Comments.

- (1) REES' statement that BURGESS was a Communist from 1929 to 1934/35 conflicts with the statements of BLUNT and PHILBY, both of whom said that he was not a Communist up to 1933. *but both wrong!*
- (2) REES was far from convincing when describing his own involvement in BURGESS' alleged espionage activities in 1937 - 1939. If REES was telling the truth, BURGESS was an ~~exceedingly~~ inefficient and insecure spy. On the other hand it is difficult to imagine any motive which REES could have had for inventing the whole story. The more probable explanation would be that REES has told enough to serve as an insurance against the possibility that we would discover the facts for ourselves; but that he has withheld the extent both of his own involvement with BURGESS and of BURGESS' involvement with the Russians; he may also have conferred with BLUNT before making his statement in order to give BLUNT the opportunity of producing his own denial.
- Wair*
PF4738
PF6045PF
PF6045PF
PF6045PF
(3) If this is a correct assessment, the statement that the Russian with whom BURGESS was in contact came from Paris may well be true and a slip of the tongue; and the alleged involvement of KATZ and PFEIFFER may well be a deliberate false trail laid in the knowledge that it would be difficult to check.
- (4) It is perhaps worth adding that on three separate occasions during the interview REES demanded to know whether his statement concerning BURGESS' espionage had been confirmed from any other source. It could be that REES was checking on whether the premium he had paid for his insurance had been well spent.

B.2.b
30.7.51

A.S. Martin

TOP SECRET

SECRET

20A

20th July 1951.

PF. 604, 583/B2a/AFB

Dear Saffery,

Would it be possible
for you to find out the subscriber
to a number which from Sonning,
Berkshire, is dialled: -

9-62561

The subscriber would
appear to be a surgeon called
PREWIN or PRUIN.

Yours sincerely,



A.F. Burbidge.

G.F. Saffery, Esq.,
G.P.O.

1320/016
29/7/51

196

THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENT
RETAINED IN DEPARTMENT
UNDER SECTION 3(4) OF
THE PUBLIC RECORDS
ACT 1958

19a

PERSONAL.

18th July, 1951.

Dear Rees,

I wonder if you could find time to look in at the office one day next week. We should like an hour or two of your time if you can spare it.

If it would be more convenient for you to come in the evening - at, say, 5 p.m., - that would be all right for us. Perhaps you would ring up to fix a time?

Yours sincerely,

D. G. WHITE

M. G. Rees, Esq.,
Falcon House,
Sonning,
BERKS.

B-201000
20/2/51

Original in PP. 604,529 BURGESS

18B

Copies in PP. 604,558 CURZON
 PP. 604,589 FLANAGAN
 PP. 604,584 PEACH
 ✓ PP. 604,583 RALEIGH

TOP SECRET

BK came to see me today and told me: -

1. She spent Sunday, 15th July with the REES at Senning, when Margery REES asked her to lunch on 18.7.51 to meet Mrs. BANSITT, who is in an hysterical state.
2. When she met the PHILBYs recently at dinner Eileen PHILBY had told her that Guy BURGESS was convinced a war with Russia was inevitable, that he had blotted his copy book to an extent that he had no future in the U.K. In practice he had secured for himself a job with Michael BERRY's newspaper interests.
3. D.F.'s considered view is that BURGESS and MACLEAN have "done a HESS".

B.L.
 17.7.51

(Sgd) M.D.C.

13201040
 20/7/51

Original in PF.604,582 @ 27a

Copy for PF.604,583 REES

Professor Anthony BLUNT was interviewed by Mr. Robertson (B.2) and Mr. Martin (B.2.b) on Saturday 14th July 1951. He was invited to describe chronologically his knowledge of Guy BURGESS. A summary of his statement follows:

They first met, as fellow undergraduates of Trinity College, Cambridge in 1931. BLUNT described BURGESS as "brilliant but wild", not at that time a Communist. During 1933 BLUNT was abroad; on his return to Cambridge in the Spring of 1934, he found that many of his friends - James KLUGMAN, John CORNFORTH, John CORNFORD, Guy BURGESS - had, while he was away, become Communists. He himself was drawn into the group, although the political application of Marxism never greatly interested him. KLUGMAN he described as the organiser of the group, CORNFORD as the enthusiastic member, BURGESS as the individualist who accepted the philosophy but was irked by the party discipline. In 1935 BURGESS, who for two years had been doing research work and seemed set for a brilliant academic career, suddenly decided to leave Cambridge and, at the same time, renounced Communism. It was BLUNT's view at the time - and still is, although he realises it conflicts with REES' view - that BURGESS genuinely broke with the Communist Party because he could not accept the discipline. He agrees, however, that, despite the break with the Party, BURGESS always remained a Marxist.

From 1935 to 1938 BLUNT remained at Cambridge and during this period saw BURGESS only on his occasional visits to London. He thought BURGESS at first enjoyed his work with the B.B.C. though later he probably became bored with it. BLUNT described BURGESS's political views during this period as anti-Fascist rather than pro-Soviet; he admitted this was in contradiction to the views of others, with whom he had compared notes, who had described BURGESS at this time as extremely right-wing.

BLUNT was asked to name BURGESS's friends during this period. After considerable hesitation he suggested REES, Rosamund LEHMANN, ISHERWOOD and Rolf KATZ. Later in the interview he remembered David FOOTMAN. BLUNT appeared to be uncomfortable when faced with this question.

BLUNT then came to what he described as "the cloak and dagger" period which he placed as 1937/38 and by which he meant the period when he was assisting BURGESS in his intelligence activities. BLUNT affirms that BURGESS either told him, or implied, that he was working for British Intelligence. He insists that, until REES made his statement after BURGESS's disappearance, he had never heard any suggestion that BURGESS was doing this work for the Comintern. BLUNT described his own function as "being the respectable friend". He neither asked nor was told what was the purpose of the job. He said that, arising from this work, BURGESS was in touch with both left and right wingers. He instanced Jack MACNAMARA as one of the former and Rolf KATZ as one of the latter. He described KATZ as repulsive but intelligent. He also mentioned Edouard PFEIFFER whom he described as "horrible" and "a corrupt French politician".

In 1939, at the time of the Soviet/German pact, BLUNT and BURGESS were on a motoring holiday together in France. BLUNT described how, when they heard the news, BURGESS was stunned. He spent the return journey to England trying, but failing, to resolve the problem. BLUNT said that he never knew at what conclusion BURGESS finally arrived, but that he was now aware of REES's statement that BURGESS had told him that, from that time, his active work for the Russians had ceased.

... / BLUNT

17b

-2-

BLUNT then came to the war period when, after service in France, he joined M.I.5 in July 1940. Shortly afterwards, he said, BURGESS was dismissed from Section D of S.I.S. as the result of being drunk in charge of a car in which BLUNT was a passenger. BURGESS then joined either the B.B.C. or the Ministry of Information (BLUNT was unsure which) and about the same time began work as an outside agent of M.I.5. BURGESS - whose M.I.5 covername was VAUXHALL - acted as the intermediary between BLUNT and several of his agents. BLUNT remembered the following:

[redacted] Andrew REVAI, a Hungarian journalist. BLUNT mentioned that, after the war, BURGESS and REVAI had quarrelled. He had also heard that BURGESS had informed Capt. Liddell, after REVAI's return from Hungary, that REVAI might be a Communist.

Colin BROOKES (covername not remembered) who was editor of a right-wing financial paper.

Peter POLLACK (covername not remembered) who was used by BLUNT and BURGESS in connection with the running of Colin BROOKES.

DUMBO who was Jack HEWIT. BLUNT explained that HEWIT was used on one of Lord Rothschild's cases. Special arrangements were made to secure him a job as clerk in the R.A. Directorate at the War Office. BLUNT did not volunteer the name DUMBO and, having been reminded, was slightly shame-faced in describing the case. He admitted it had not proved a success.

BLUNT admitted that he might have forgotten the names of other M.I.5 agents with whom BURGESS had been involved. He said he did not remember when BURGESS ceased to work as an outside agent for M.I.5 - indeed he thought he might have continued after he (BLUNT) had been demobilised. He mentioned Kemball-Johnstone and Graham Mitchell as other M.I.5 officers who would have had dealings with BURGESS during this period. He also suggested that the persons best able to give information on BURGESS's political views during this period would be Andrew REVAI, Eric KESSLER and Hector MacNEILL.

Of the period 1946 to May 1951 BLUNT had little to say. He again suggested Hector MacNEILL and Andrew REVAI as authorities, and mentioned also Fred WARNER whom he described as "most unpleasant". He described, when mentioning the latter, the episode when WARNER threw BURGESS down a flight of stairs and pointed to this incident as the start of BURGESS's rapid mental deterioration in the last two years. After this fall BURGESS went into hospital for six weeks for treatment for concussion and, immediately on being discharged, began to drink heavily and to take drugs. BLUNT named codine as the drug he was taking during the last year.

As evidence of BURGESS's mental state while in Washington, BLUNT produced a letter which he had received from PHILBY (the top half of which had been torn off, indicating possibly that the production of this letter was not the sudden afterthought which it had seemed to be).

THIS IS A COPY
ORIGINAL DOCUMENT RETAINED
IN DEPARTMENT UNDER SECTION
3(4) OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS
ACT 1958 MAR 21 2022

.../PHILBY

176.

PHILBY described in this letter the embarrassment which BURGESS's behaviour in Washington had proved to be.

BLUNT ended by describing BURGESS after his return from Washington. Two themes, he said, dominated BURGESS's thoughts and conversations - maniacal anti-Americanism and the obsession that war was not merely inevitable but imminent. On the last week-end before the flight BURGESS had stayed with Peter POLLOCK. BLUNT said that he saw him on the Monday when he was in an almost sub-human condition. He saw him again in the middle of the week when he seemed somewhat better, and again on the day of the flight when he looked ill and agitated.

At this point BLUNT was asked whether he could identify certain christian names and addresses found in BURGESS's correspondence. They were read out to him but in only one instance was he able to offer any suggestion.

Before he left BLUNT mentioned that he was going to Greece at the end of next week but offered, if there were any more questions we had to ask, to see us again before he went.

17 AB

S. Form 81

EXTRACT.

Extract for File No.: PF. 604, 583 Name: RALEIGHOriginal in File No.: PF. 604, 582 Supp. Serial: 61a Receipt Date: 11.7.51Original from: BLUNDEN t.c. Under Ref.: 2138 Dated: 11.7.51O Extracted on: 23.7.51 by: AHC. Section: B2a

Extract from Conversation between BLUNDEN and Sheila NICHOLSON, in which they
are discussing his interview with G.M.L.

B: The names of the various people concerned struck and rang considerable bells with him

N: Oh?

B: As well I knew they would. Um..he doesn't agree with the extremely complicated theory which both DEREK and RALEIGH incline to.....

N: I must say nor do I. *Vesschoyle*

B: No. It seems to me really over ingenious.

N: Yes. Such as I know, I think that too.

B: Yes.

N: I think peoples brains aren't quite as twisted, as that one.

B: I don't think its necessary to accept such a very complicated theory.

N: No. I quite agree. Anyway, you have smoothed that out.

B:I have got that off my chest.

O N: Which is a large thing.....

120/121
24707

17A

Copy for PF.604583 - RALEIGH.

Original from telephone check on BLUNDEN dated 7.7.51.

Original in PF.604582/Supp, serial 53, received 9.7.51.

676 call by BLUNDEN to MISS MARGARET BROWN, at the Drummonds house, Sissinghurst 263. He says he thought he should tell her that yesterdays interview was not a great success, and did not lead to anything. He says there were the same accusations and bitterness. BLUNDEN says that 'he' (presumably JACKIE) told him at 6.30 last night that he was going off to Paris last night, and imagines he has gone. MARGARET says she is rather unnerved by this as she thought if he saw BLUNDEN he might not go, and that he had remarked that if he did not come back on Monday he might never come back. BLUNDEN says he (JACKIE) said the same thing to him, and also said that the only friend he had left is ROGER. MARGARET remarks she does not know who ROGER is, and BLUNDEN says that he is a childhood friend from Newcastle, who was recently in London.

BLUNDEN then says he was told that he had not got the guts to ring up himself and curse him (JACKIE) but had had to organise RALEIGH to do so first. MARGARET says she heard that too. BLUNDEN thinks

this is rather hard, and he did not know RALEIGH was ringing him, and also, he gathers, he (RALEIGH) did not curse him (JACKIE). They decide there is nothing either of them can do at the present but that MARGARET will ring him (JACKIE) on Monday.

17.23 (o)

UR/R2a
11-7-51

✓ PF. 604,582
Copy to PF. 604,583

16A

In view of the somewhat unusual conversations on the RALEIGH telephone check for the 5th July between RALEIGH, his wife, and BLUNDEN, I have asked today for all the BLUNDEN telephone checks to be reimposed as soon as possible.

B. 2. a.
6.7.51

R. T. Reed
R. T. Reed.

(32a) 10/16
15/7/51

Form 81/rev. 1.52.

15ab

EXTRACT.

Extract for File No. : P.F. 604, 583 Name : REES
Original in File No. : P.F. 604, 591 Supp Serial : 22 Vol : 1 Receipt Date : 28.6.51
Original from : Telecheck Under Ref : TC. 2130 Dated : 27.6.51
Entered on : 46.4.53 by : JA Section : B.2.b

Extract from telecheck on HEWITT.ment.REES

I/c call to Jackie from Margy REES...Margy said her husband had been in an awful state over Guy. Night after night he had not slept but cried and been upset.

include the name of the file owner

S. Form 81

P.P. 604592
 P.P. 604597
 P.P. 48846
 P.P. 604583
 P.P. 55570

EXTRACT.

POLLOCK
 PROUTER
 PULLITZ
 REES ✓
 ROYAL

Extract for File No.: Name:

Original in File No.: Serial: Receipt Date:

Original from: Under Ref.: Dated: 5.7.51.

Extracted on: 1.8.51. by: VD Section: R2a/AFB

CONTACTS OF BURGESS.

Note of Further Action to be taken.

It is recognised that the existing lists of contacts of BURGESS and MALAN are by no means comprehensive. For this reason one of the principal matters to be decided is that of the further measures (including interrogation) which have now to be taken, in order in due course to obtain as complete information as possible about the whole range of the significant contacts of both men.

REES, Gordonwy. (PP.604583).

Subject of current T.C. which will continue.

..... presents difficulties owing to country location, but possibilities are being explored by B.2.a.

Important eventual candidate for interrogation, on completion of further research by B.2.b. and subject to outcome of B.2.a. current investigations.

THIS IS A COPY
 ORIGINAL DOCUMENT RETAINED
 IN DEPARTMENT UNDER SECTION
 3(4) OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS
 ACT 1958 JANUARY 2022

15a

THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENT
RETAINED IN DEPARTMENT
UNDER SECTION 3(4) OF
THE PUBLIC RECORDS
ACT 1958

Copy

14c

I saw [redacted] at his home at 31 Egerton Crescent, S.W.3. on 18th June 1951. He carries on business at the present time in the style of [redacted] Ltd., Publishers, 6 Henrietta Street, W.C.1.

After some initial fencing and when I had indicated that [redacted] had been seen by a colleague of mine named Pascoe, (Colonel Perfect) he admitted that the woman informant referred to in his letter to Stephen SPENDER was, in fact, [redacted]. It is quite clear that Mr. [redacted] is appalled to think that a private and confidential letter addressed to a friend should have received the publicity given to this one. He is at a loss to understand the action of Stephen SPENDER, except possibly to explain it by a desire for publicity.

[redacted] can add nothing to the information provided by his sister concerning the facts of BURGESS's allegiance to some communist organisation. Mr. [redacted] was not very willing to discuss his own association with BURGESS in the pre-war days. Obviously it is not a period of which he is himself particularly proud, but he tacitly admitted to an association with such people as Christopher ISHERWOOD, W.H. AUDEN, Harold NICHOLSON, Anthony BLUNT and Goronwy REES in the Chester Square period of BURGESS's life. He offered no positive information about BURGESS's politics at that time and professed to be unaware that he had been a member of the Communist Party and that he had, like other people, publicly left the Party.

.....

In parting, Mr. [redacted] explained that he had been unable to impart his secondhand information directly to the authorities. He had made one effort to do so through Mr. Harold NICHOLSON, who found himself unable to assist owing to a heavy list of engagements. NICHOLSON had suggested that he might speak to Sir William STRANG to introduce [redacted] story to him, but eventually found himself unable to help. [redacted] was also a little critical of people like Anthony BLUNT and Goronwy REES, who did, after all, hold official positions for their failure to inform the authorities of the politics of BURGESS and MACLEAN. In a jocular way he suggested that the lonely intellectual in the "Daily Express" pocket cartoon last week was Cyril CONNOLLY, who is bursting with information.

19th June 1951

Signed: W.J. Skardon.

Original in: PF.41490 171a

Copies for: PF.42415 ISHERWOOD
PF.63329 AUDEN
PF.604,582 BLUNT
PF.604,583 REES

NSP/R5
21.8.51.

THIS IS A COPY
ORIGINAL DOCUMENT RETAINED
IN DEPARTMENT UNDER SECTION
3(4) OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS
ACT 1958 OCTOBER 2020

S. Form 81

EXTRACT.

14B

Extract for File No.: PF.604,583 Name: RALEIGH
 Original in File No.: PF.604,529 BURGESS Serial: 189a Receipt Date: 19.6.51.
 Original from: B.2. Mr. Robertson Under Ref.: - Dated: 19.6.51.
 Extracted on: 18.7.51. by: NSP Section: R.5.

INVESTIGATION INTO ASSOCIATES OF BURGESS AND MACLEAN.DISCUSSION - B.2/ 19.6.51.

....

(3) [redacted] will endeavour to tabulate the information in [redacted] files regarding Officers and Agents introduced to [redacted] or posted to particular jobs [redacted] as a result of recommendations by FOOTMAN, Goronwy REES, or BURGESS himself.

(4) In this connection, he will bear in mind the suspicion that Goronwy REES, when leaving Government employment for business, may have played a part in assisting the Russians to obtain penicillin equipment from America, of which the Americans were at the time anxious to ban the export to the Soviet Union.

....

THIS IS A COPY
 ORIGINAL DOCUMENT RETAINED
 IN DEPARTMENT UNDER SECTION
 3(4) OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS
 ACT 1958 JANUARY 2022

S. Form 81

EXTRACT.

David FOOTMAN

Anthony BLUNT

Goronwy RHYS

Isiah BERLIN

188b

PF. 604,589
 PF. 604,582
 Extract for File No. PF. 604,583 Name:
 PF. 604,025
 Original in File No. PF. 604,529 vol. 3 Serial: Receipt Date: 19.6.51
 Original from: Foreign Office Under Ref.: Dated: 18.6.51
 O . Extracted on: 25.6.51 by: AMC Section: B2a.

Extract from Report written by Mr. P.A. WARNER, Foreign Office, re
his connection with Guy BURGESS and the latter's associates.

.....
 His (BURGESS') friends may be sharply divided into two classes. On the one hand were those whom he would introduce to one another, among whom I would number myself, Mr. Hector McNEIL, Mr. Kenneth YOUNGER, Mr. Isiah BERLIN of All Souls, Mr. Charles FLETCHER-COOKE, a solicitor employed by us to settle compensation for nationalised property in Yugoslavia three or four years ago, Mr. David FOOTMAN of Broadway, Mrs. McNEIL, for whom he has a great admiration, Mr. Arthur MARSHALL, Housemaster at Oundle School, Mr. Noel ANNAN of Kings College, Cambridge, Mr. Goronwy RHYS, Bursar at All Souls, Mr. Ellis WATERHOUSE, Director of the National Gallery of Scotland, Mr. Harold NICOLSON and his son Benedict, and Mrs. Basil MARSDEN SMEDLEY, whom he saw but rarely. His best friend, however, was Professor BLUNT, the Keeper of the King's pictures. On all these people he would rely for support, and he was such a loyal friend in intention that they generally felt ashamed withholding it although his friendship might have become only burdensome.....

O

13201006
 18/7/51

S. Form 81

EXTRACT.

13B

P.F. 604583

RALEIGH

Extract for File No.: Name:

P.F. 604529 - RALEIGH

Original in File No.: Serial: 177a Receipt Date: -

Original from: Press Section Under Ref.: - Dated: 18.6.51.

Extracted on: 30.7.51. by: VB Section: B2a/AFB

Daily Mail.BURGESS One of 'Nicest Men I Know'.

HE BLAMED U.S. FOR WAR DRIFT - By Daily Mail Reporter.

Mr. Goronwy REES, the author, of Falcon House, Sonning, Berkshire, told last night of his 20 year friendship with Mr. Guy Burgess, one of the two missing British diplomats.

Just before he left England with Mr. Donald Maclean Burgess telephoned to Mr. Rees' wife, Margaret. "Guy Burgess is one of the nicest men I ever knew" said Mr. Rees. "To my knowledge he is not a Communist. I have known him since I was at Oxford and he was at Cambridge between 1930 and 1933. He is godfather to my youngest child. When he phoned my wife he said 'I do not want to speak to Goronwy because I know we should quarrel and we would only upset each other. I think he referred to an argument we had had a week before about American policy. He was convinced that the Americans were provoking a third world war and I did not agree with him. He said he would not see me for some time but that she and I would both understand why this was so eventually. He has always been a Leftist but he has always had an enormous admiration for British foreign policy. He was in some ways one of the most patriotic Englishmen I have ever known and was entirely free from the kind of denigration of British social life and political policy which is typical of most Communists. He was absurdly sentimental /over..

about England. Two years ago he had a very serious fracture of the skull after falling down some steps and has been in almost continuous pain ever since. To this everyone who knew him well would attribute the eccentricities of his conduct in the past two years. He is a sick man. I do not believe all the unpleasant things printed about him. He is a patriotic Englishman but he is also a Marxist and it was because he has such a rare grasp of Marx's theory that his views were sometimes of extraordinary originality.

Mrs. Rees said: "I have known Guy Burgess ten years. His disappearance is due to social reasons, and certainly not to political ones. Before the last war all the university youngsters were Communists. If a man of 40 was a Communist when he was 20 surely you're going to give him credit for growing up?"

S. Form 81

EXTRACT.

13a

Extract for File No.: PF. 604,583 Name: REES.

Original in File No.: PF. 604,529 Serial: Receipt Date: 16.6.51.

Interview Report (Col. Perfect/
Original from: [redacted] Under Ref.: P.L.S. Dated: 15.6.51.

Extracted on: 19.6.51 by: EMN Section: B.2.A.

.....

1937/38: Sometime during this period she [redacted] noticed that BURGESS had dropped his left-wing "outspokenness" and was frequenting right-wing circles. It was during this period that REES (a man of BURGESS's age) whom she knew very well, came to her one day telling her that BURGESS had told him that he was an agent of the Comintern and asked him to join him in his work. According to "L" REES refused to have anything to do with this. I asked L. why she had not informed the authorities at the time of this development. Her reply was at that time she did not attach a great deal of importance to it.

1939: In 1939 she stated that REES, who pre-war was possibly politically left, joined the Territorial Army, his regiment being Welsh Fusiliers.

1940: She remembered seeing REES sometime in 1940 and in the course of conversation she asked him how BURGESS stood politically. REES told her that when the Russia-German pact was signed /BURGESS thought about it for two days" and then told REES he had had enough of Communism. BURGESS she said "faded out of my life" and the next I heard was that he was in the Foreign Office. She had heard "gossip" that he was very chatty in an indiscreet way.

-p.t.o.-

Re Bone
20.6.51

THIS IS A COPY
ORIGINAL DOCUMENT RETAINED
IN DEPARTMENT UNDER SECTION
3(4) OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS
ACT 1958 OCTOBER 20 20

1942: She went up and stayed at Cambridge and while there met REES who was with his Regiment. According to her BURGESS was not mentioned.

1949: She saw REES at a cocktail party and as she said "I was horrified at his appearance, he seemed to have aged and seemed to be extremely worried, but about what I was unable to find out and put it down to war strain".

THIS IS A COPY
ORIGINAL DOCUMENT RETAINED
IN DEPARTMENT UNDER SECTION
3(4) OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS
ACT 1958 OCTOBER 2020

SECRET

12A

15 June 1951.

PP. 604, 583/B2a/RTR

Dear Saffery,

I am applying for a telephone check on
SONNING 3197, installed at Falcon House, Sonning,
Berks., the subscriber to which is Morgan Goronwy
REES.

I should be grateful if this check could
be operated to its fullest extent.

Yours sincerely,

R. T. Reed
R. T. Reed.

G. F. Saffery, Esq.,
G. P. O.

SECRET.

1246
15 June 1951.

11A

To THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL, and all others whom it may concern :

I hereby authorize and require you to record all telephone conversations on the telephone line number :

SONNING 3197

and to produce the record for my inspection.

For so doing this shall be your sufficient Warrant.

*One of His Majesty's
Principal Secretaries of State.*

Goronwy REES, the subscriber to this number, has admitted having assisted Guy BURGESS in espionage activities.

PT. 604,583/B2a/RTR
S. Form 56A.

S. Form 81

EXTRACT.

112

Extract for File No.: PF.604,025
 PF.604,583 Name: BERLIN
 REES

Original in File No.: PF.604,529 BURGESS Serial: 163a Receipt Date: 14.6.51.

Original from: B.2.A. Mr. Skardon Under Ref: - Dated: 14.6.51.

Extracted on: 18.7.51. by: NSP Section: R.5.

Extract from Note of Interview with [REDACTED] on 12.6.51.

[REDACTED] told me that he was quite unable to throw any light on the disappearance of these two people but was agreeable to answer any questions I might put. I asked him to tell me something about BURGESS's friends, and he said that he thought his greatest friend was Anthony BLUNT. The common attraction between them was art. He then mentioned W.H. AUDEN, ISHERWOOD, Tom WYLIE, Garonwy REES, Ellis WATERHOUSE the art critic, Victor ROTHSCHILD and Isaiah BERLIN. He said that he first met BURGESS and his friends at Chester Square and though he believes that they only met to discuss political affairs he was so very young at the time that he had no clear understanding of what went on. Of the friends mentioned above, he thought that AUDEN and ISHERWOOD were friends simply because of their common interest in literature. Garonwy REES he thought to be a more recent friend and Isaiah BERLIN he admired and knew fairly well.

...

THIS IS A COPY
 ORIGINAL DOCUMENT RETAINED
 IN DEPARTMENT UNDER SECTION
 3(4) OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS
 ACT 1958 OCTOBER 2020

SECRET

Copy in PF.604,582 BLUNDEN
✓ PF.604,583 RALEIGH

103

14th June 1951.

PF.604,529/B2a/RTR

Dear Saffery,

I am returning the lists
which you left with Colonel Cumming
yesterday of outgoing calls made from:

REGent 1530
WILbeck 1388
WILbeck 984.1
REGent 2330
SONNING 3497

We have been over these
lists and ticked the subscribers
already known. We should be grateful
if you could let us have the subscri-
bers to the remaining numbers.

Yours sincerely,

R. T. Reed
R. T. Reed.

G. F. Saffery, Esq.,
G.P.O.

S. Form 81

EXTRACT.

D

Extract for File No.: PF.604,583 Name: REESOriginal in File No.: PF.604,529 volume 2. Serial: 145b Receipt Date: 13.6.51Original from: B2A/Source Report. Under Ref.: 5120 Dated: 12.6.51Extracted on: 14.7.51 by: EHS Section: R5

Extract from B2A/5120 Source report re. personalities in the MACLEAN
BURGESS Case mentioning REES.

..... *presumably
mishearing for danger*

2. Goronwy and Iris REES. FINLAY knows these people quite well and has met them several times at parties. Both are well known to David FOOTMAN. Iris comes from Liverpool, and is described as smart but common. REES is a manufacturer of some kind. According to Iris REES, Guy BURGESS rang her on the telephone from the Reform Club just before his departure. Iris got the impression that he was going away for some time and therefore she would not see him. BURGESS told her not to tell anyone he was going away. Iris claims she kept this promise until the news broke in the papers, when she told Judy BROWN. Whereupon Judy BROWN promptly rang up Elaine FINLAY on Friday, 8th. June, and passed the news on to her. On this occasion Iris said she was sure something awful had happened to BURGESS, and that he might either have committed suicide or been murdered. Elaine FINLAY considers that BURGESS might have been a victim of "pansy blackmail", but it is not clear whether this idea originated with FINLAY or whether she obtained it from Judy BROWN.

.....

S. Form 81

Held B.2a

9c

PP. 43,649 SPENDER

EXTRACT.

" 43,490 LEHMANN

with D.R.

" 604,583 REES

Extract for File No. Name:

" 63,329 AUDEN (Original in

" 64,371 HOWARD PP. 604,529)

Original in File No. Serial: 146z Receipt Date: 13.6.51

Original from: B2a Report by W.J. Skardon on
Interview with Jack HEWITT.

Under Ref.: B.2.A. Dated:

Extracted on: 21.6.51 by: EMN Section: B.2.A.

.....

I asked HEWITT to provide me with the names of the people with whom BURGESS (Guy MONEY BURGESS) was in close association before the war, and he mentioned the following:-

Stephen SPENDER.
John LEHMANN.
Goronwy REES.
Christopher ISHERWOOD.
W. H. Auden.
Tom WYLLIE.
Brian HOWARD.

These men used to foregather at Chester Square for long and earnest discussions on political affairs.

.....

TABLE

96. TOP SECRET

WARNING: No Action is to be taken on this material without reference to the responsible section, nor may its contents be disclosed outside the Service without permission.

NOTE: In the absence of instructions to the contrary the original record will be destroyed one month after the date of delivery. Copies not wanted for filing or returning to B.4.B. must be destroyed as secret waste, destruction being recorded on the Section Register.

Distribution:

Copy in PF604,529.

B.1.A.	B.1.B.	B.1.D.	B.1.E.	B.1.G.				

B.4.B. Ref.: D.B.

Responsible Section: B2a

Date of Delivery:

DB.
G. REES.



18 JUN 1951

7.6.51.

18.34.

A man arrived - he apologised for being late saying that his house was besieged by reporters.

Q. Can you offer any suggestion how they got on to this? That's the first story that broke.

A. That so? This morning?

Q. This morning.

Pause

Q. I thought at first that Paris was probably the place where they got on to him, the starting point. I heard they got the story last night. Then when this came out I wondered what the.....

A. I can throw no light on that at all.

Q. No.

A. Of course it might be a friend of DONALD MACLEAN's.

Q. It might be a friend of DONALD's, yes. The suggestion is, you see, and I expect the suggestion is that a friend was invited to ~~go~~ go with him(?)

A. Yes, indeed.

Q.

TOP SECRET

Continuation Sheet.

TABLETOP SECRET

- 2 -

- A. No, absolutely ^{Shakes} ~~fixed(?)~~ me. Must have given you rather a shock ^{to Dick} ~~didn't it?~~
- Q. I thought it wouldn't be long before (you'd report this?)
- A. No(?) it was(?) impossible for him not to go
- Q. All that you told me.....
and I wondered whether, (if he did inform ^{I'm(?)} her about it at all?). It's not (clear at all?) about some of the aspects of it. What I'm not quite clear about is whether ^{PHILBY} ~~PHILBY~~ didn't know about GUY's past.
- A. Well I honestly don't know.
- Q. At the material times.
- A. At the material times. You see I always took it for granted that ^{PH 604582} ~~ANTHONY~~ knew, and it was a great shock to me to discover that he'd been told something entirely different. One must say it's possible that KIM knew, I think, isn't it?
- Q. I think he certainly was one that came to his parties.
- A. Oh certainly, and was one of GUY's greatest friends. Indeed he was GUY's - practically his only friend. Lived a very retired life, I believe and didn't see many people, and GUY was one of his greatest friends. He was one of the people who continued to go on being friends after GUY had left the Party, though of course he - whether he left the Party or what, I don't know, he was actually a member I think.
- Q. KIM? At Cambridge?

TOP SECRET

Continuation Sheet.

TABLETOP SECRET

- 3 -

A. I think so. At Cambridge. I wouldn't be sure though.

Q. COLLINS(ph) (or COLIN) was key man?

A. I - er - don't know. There's one thing I've remembered - these things come back to one - which is this, that at the time of Munich. Do you know [JACKIE HEWITT?]

Q. Well I know of him, you see, because of course he's -

A. Yes. JACKIE HEWITT used to be a telephone boy at the Goring Hotel. And I can't quite remember because I was never quite sure then, whether he had actually been got into that job for the purpose. It's possible he may have been. At the time when - do you remember the head of the Sudetan Deutch? What was the name?

Q. HENLEIN.

A. HENLEIN, when HENLEIN was here, and stayed at the Goring Hotel, and JACKIE used to listen in to his conversations on the exchange and tell GUY who he'd spoken to and what he'd said. And under whatever conception of GUY's functions he did that, JACKIE must remember that.

Q. Yes.

A. And it occurred to me it might be worthwhile asking him about it.

Q. Yes, it would. That's the telephone exchange at the Goring Hotel - ?

A. In Ebury Street.

Q. He was actually employed by the Hotel, was he?

HEWITT
PF604 591

TOP SECRET

Continuation Sheet.

TABLE

- 4 -

TOP SECRET

9B

- A. Employed by the Hotel, yes.
- Q. I suppose that was the place where political people did come and stay?
- A. It may have been just accident ~~that~~ actually that HENLEIN was staying there, and that having been there, JACKIE and GUY and who is the well-known ISHERWOOD CHRISTOPHER ~~(xxxxxxxnotxxxair?)~~..... were all extremely mixed up with each other.
- Q. Yes. ISHERWOOD and GUY were close enough?
- A. Oh close enough. At that time very close because of JACKIE, because they were involved in a tremendous love affair and quarrel, one of these things that continuously go on, over JACKIE, who was originally CHRISTOPHER's boy and taken over by GUY.
- Q. He was in London at the time, though?
- A. He was in London at the time because I remember seeing him with GUY in GUY's flat and there was a great to-do about it all.
- Q. Of course the whole of that story ~~Mr MORRIS~~ is doubtless true?
- A. Oh I think so, yes. CHRISTOPHER, of course, has tremendous fantasy about spies and conspiracy -
- Q. Yes. And was involved in running a spy(?) at that time against the Fascists.
- A. Oh very much so. "Mr. Norris changes Trains."
- Q. [GERALD(?) HAMILTON] and Mr(?) MORRIS(ph) trains them. And then, of course, [Berling]..... (the Berlin story?)
- A. GUY wasn't going to Berlin at that time?
- A. No. He was going to settle down. He used to see a great deal of GERALD HAMILTON at that time.

HEWIT
PF604591

HFG.
MORRIS
PF604602

Noted in PF604,602
by Mr. Martin Karlin
does not refer to Harry
MORRIS but to the books
by Isherwood.

PF161-38

TOP SECRET

Continuation Sheet.

TABLETOP SECRET

- 5 -

HAMILTON

Q.

A. Did go to prison didn't he?

Q. Went to prison, certainly, yes.

A. I don't know what happened to him afterwards.
He went to prison for what, exactly? Can you tell me?.

Q. Well I imagine for homosexual offences.

A. It was for that, was it?

Q. Or possibly money.....He was a
(terrific scholar?) as well.....A.he really wasn't, 'cause you know
he finally wrote an autobiography which
showed no kind of - gifts of any kind really.Q. You see ^{Mr. 624524} [KIM] on the Times must have appealed
to GUY..... bring in to the sort of
net-work of the thing.A. Yes, and GUY certainly did - apart from
being a very great friend and admirer of
him personally, did certainly collect as ~~much~~
much information as he could from him.
Whether consciously or unconsciously from
his point of view, impossible to say,
especially after what ^{Mr. 604582} [ANTHONY] has said, you
see.Q. Yes. You mean that he was telling different
stories to different people?A. Yes. What I would find ^{odd} out is - if at that
time GUY were to tell ANTHONY the lie and
me the truth because ANTHONY was a far
greater intimate of his than I was really -
known him a very much longer time. Although
I did know him very well then, but I got
to know him a great deal better later. AtTOP SECRET

Continuation Sheet.

TABLE

- 6 -

TOP SECRET

9B

A.Cont. that time certainly ANTHONY was far more intimate with him than I was.

Q. And I suppose PHILBY just as much so, really?

A. Oh very much so.

Q. They've always been -

A. Yes.

Q. PHILBY's ^achap(?) who attracted the admiration of these people very much, I'm told. ~~much~~.....

A. Oh very much, he was very much admired by them all round.

Q. Tough personality.....

A. Oh yes, and a very remarkable character. ^(a newspaper correspondent)
Very good correspondent ~~(?)~~, very brave....

Q. He was in Burgos, I believe.... on the other side.

A. Yes he was. He was ^{? with FRANCO?} (first tanks??)

Q. And [FRED WARNER] comes in at a much later date. Do you know anything about that(?)

A. Much later, because I'm sure they didn't meet until they had both occupied this desk in HECTOR McNEIL's office, when they quickly became very close friends and had disastrous results upon each other. But, simply one's own opinion, I would have said that FRED WARNER probably didn't enter into it.

Q. WARNER having been brought in by HECTOR McNEIL into the office, the Foreign Office?

A. Yes. Another very odd incident I remember was that about 8 months ago, something like that, in the Gargoyle, DON MACLEAN came up to me, very drunk indeed and insulted me in

PF604, 585

PF604558
MACLEAN

TOP SECRET

Continuation Sheet.

TABLETOP SECRET

- 7 -

A.Cont. the most sort of abusive way to my face, saying amongst other things 'I know all about you, you're a ----' A thing that I've never been able to understand why he did. I found(?) that very odd indeed.

Q. Was this at the time when he'd been having disputes with GUY about this or that?

A. It was before - I'm trying to think whether it was before GUY went to America or not. I should say it was after GUY went to America, actually.

Q. Yes. GUY was away about 9 months, I'm not quite sure whether -

A. He went in August, I think, something like that.

Q. Came back....

A. Yes, and I would have said that this was sometime last winter, probably that I met (DONALD first?)
[DON MACLEAN.]

Q. A person whom you really hadn't known -

A. I'd only met twice, I should think, twice or three times in my life, and I was extremely astonished about it, couldn't understand it.

Q. And - [HEWITT].....

A. Well!!! (a mere whisper) - Well I shall probably (be seeing him?)

Q. And again (it would same time?)..... He's not a fool(?) He's a very shrewd person in his way.

A. He is a shrewd person in his way, I mean he started there as a telephone boy and he's now what? Says he is a seller(??).... or something like that. Has made a very good

TOP SECRET

Continuation Sheet.

TABLE

- 8 -

TOP SECRET

9B

A.Cont. commercial career for himself.

Q. He's not a chap who's.....

A. No, no. No, he's a pure working-class boy. But you know when I talked to him about it, he is at the back a hysterical person, as all these people are, extremely so, and had been very hysterical all the week, but there was a real note of terror(?), of despair in his voice when he said 'But what has GUY done', you see, obviously taking it for granted that GUY had actually done something either in America or here. And really frightened.

Q. Yes.

A. I think it's almost impossible for anybody to have lived with GUY in the way JACKIE did over a period, even if he didn't know, without noticing the very many strange thing that went on in GUY's life.

Q. You see, the impression(?) is, it was GUY who really..... (Both spoke at once.)

A. I've been wondering about that.

Q. (I can't help feeling rather worried?) about.....

A. My impression was(?), it was very strong when GUY came back from America, it was not in his mind to do anything like this.

Q. That is your impression?

A. That is very much my impression. It was also very much the impression my wife got during that conversation with him. If he had come to a decision, he had only that morning come to a decision. And is it your

HEWITT

X

TOP SECRET

Continuation Sheet.

TABLE

- 9 -

TOP SECRETMACLEAN
PF604558

A.Cont. idea that they did it out of conviction or out of fear?

Q. I think it was the latter, probably. I think it's.....

A. Then they must have done something very much more serious than what I'd suspected.

Q. I think so, yes.

A. And yet even then I should have thought they were sophisticated enough to know it would have been better to come forward and say so than to do what they've done.

Q. I should have thought so but I mean - it is your very clear impression, isn't it that whatever GUY might have thought in his Cambridge days and up to the time.....
..... the German-Soviet Pact, that he did revise those feelings. He was, you say anti-Russian apparently. I know they were(?) confused by his anti-Americanisms and soon.

A. No, no. Never been anti-Russian.

Q. Never been anti-Russian?

A. Never been anti-Russian.

Q. Right up to the last?

A. Oh no - that was one of the things about him, it was really an absolutely split mind he had by the end, I think. Because he never could bring himself to admit that really there was anything wrong with Russia.

Q. I mean that you would feel that this sort of Messianic idea that he might personally be almost a sort of Hess is really on the cards?

TOP SECRET

Continuation Sheet.

TABLE

- 10 -

TOP SECRET

9B

A. No I don't think he'd think that once having gone over, I think he thought it when he came back here, thinking that he might persuade us to influence the Americans in a way that would make them come to terms with the Russians. But I think he - I doubt if I've ever known GUY admit that in any ~~single~~ single case the Russians may have done wrong. Which is one of the things that always led ^{to riots} (to riots with....?) ^{him?} because it was - and he'd become sulky when one really got to the part of showing them ^{him} that they had, he'd really become sulky and decide that he did not want to talk about it any more.

Q. And that wasn't a question of two fatalists(?) as it were, one of them being dominant(?).....
.....

A. No.

Q. We're trying to get at this, you see, whether we're dealing with..... in the past, goes a long way back and which might have turned it into some solid fact, or whether we're dealing with a current situation. That's what's confusing us.

A. Well I think it's a - er - I think it's a current situation that has revived the past, a default(?) that has forced him back, ^{old} perhaps into his ~~own~~ association.

Q. Possibly something that happened in America formed an impression that soon after he returned from the States(?)that nothing of this was on his mind.

DF604558
MACLEAN

TOP SECRET

Continuation Sheet.

TABLE

TOP SECRET

- 11 -

A. The only thing that appeared to be on his mind was (a) America and the world situation, (b) - and I find it very hard to believe it wasn't honest and sincere - this plan of going off to ^{to Daily Telegraph} DAVID TEDROFF's(ph??) through ^{Richard?} Mount(??) Berry(??). GUY in some ways is a very good actor but in other ways he's not a person who invents quite unnecessarily to cover himself. I've never known him do that, though(?) What I suppose is alarming to you is that if the past was as it seems to be there must be others.

Michael Berry?

Q. Yes - that certainly is a thought.

A. Somebody else may go.

Q. (Regret mostly inaudible.) Date(?) back from 1936-9 epoch and see who was then - because(?) then it was.....

P.C.
604558

A. Oh yes, I agree.

Q. See who was associating with [MACLEAN] and BURGESS and ^(? HEINERDANIV) MARGOT(??).....

A. Have you any other confirmation of what I have told you?

Q. No, I haven't any confirmation.

A. None at all?

Q. You see what happens is that one fact thrown an absolutely lurid light on..... and casting your mind back - it always happens like this - casting your mind back to some fact which you learn..... you see a lot of things very much more clearly, a lot of things that you didn't (previously suspect?) That's what I'm doing now and why I'm seeking your aid.

(He went on to give a picture of BURGESS

TOP SECRET

Continuation Sheet.

TABLE

- 12 -

TOP SECRET

9B

surrounded by his unsavoury friends - the sort of people who can be led into this sort of situation

18.57.

A. Yes, I don't think one meets that really at that time you see, because at that time I think so many young people with political opinions at all felt no kind of faith in their own Government and were continually being let down by their own Government - in ~~fact~~ fact the only thing for them to do, if they were going to do anything effective, was to work for what appeared to be the progressive cause.

Q. It was all tied up with anti-Fascism....

A. With a Popular Front you see.

Q. The Popular Front was the -

A. Just at the time when CRIPPS was proposing that the Labour Party and the Communists should unite and so on. I don't think it really entered into anyone's head that in ^{he was?} working for the Russians - er -

Q.

A. Yes. In fact to a great many of them it appeared that they were doing the most patriotic thing they could do.

Q. Yes. Everything got tangled by these vast International problems as the Spanish Civil War.....

A. Oh there was one man I remembered, who must be - I can't remember his name but he is a well-known and distinguished English Communist, not here, I mean in Paris, and he is the Head of the International Union of Students and was at Cambridge.

TOP SECRET

Continuation Sheet.

TABLE

- 13 -

TOP SECRET

9B.

- Q. He's the Head now is he?
- A. He's the Head now, and he's a person who's in really made a great career for himself ~~in~~ the Communist hierarchy, I think. And - is in Paris now, at least that is where his office is. He was a great friend of GUY's.
- Q. Is he a Frenchman or -
- A. No, an Englishman. And GUY has always professed unbounded admiration for him. And I wouldn't be at all surprised if in the end he was the person who had -
- Q. Got him into it?
- A. Yes.
- Q. You can't remember that name?
- A. No, but it is easily identifiable and one can find it out -
- Q. Yes, if he's head of the - if he's currently head of the International Union of Students -
- A. No, it's not that I can't remem - it's simply that I can't remember the name, and I know the name and I can't make a mistake about it. And I could easily find out from [REDACTED]
- Q. Yes. Oh I can probably fix that.
- A. But don't make a mistake about him - he is an Englishman and he played a large part in the Spanish Civil War.
- Q. He hasn't got a foreign name?
- A. No, no he goes under his own -
- Q. Would he have been a Young - He wasn't JOHN GOLLAN - of this League?
- A. No. I've been trying to remember it all night. I have talked about him to GUY quite recently, and I ~~remember~~ remember saying once

THIS IS A COPY
ORIGINAL DOCUMENT RETAINED
IN DEPARTMENT UNDER SECTION
3(4) OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS
ACT 1958 MARCH 2022

TOP SECRET

Continuation Sheet.

TABLE

- 14 -

TOP SECRET

9B

A.Cont. 'Well, of course if you do become a Communist and go in for it seriously and continuously, then there is a great career wasted.' for it as evidence and then GUY made a long speech about him and really what a wonderful person he was. And that is another thing about GUY, he always avowed that these ex-Communist friends of his as the most wonderful people in ~~the~~ the world - I mean comparably superior to anybody else.

Q. But he wasn't a person with whom GUY had ~~been~~ been associated recently?

A. Well not that I know of - no. I shouldn't think he had

Q. But he was in London at this particular epoch, was he? Sort of led by his success(?)
.....

A. I think he moved about from London elsewhere, because he was certainly in Spain, I think.

Q. Was he a fighter in Spain or was he one of those chaps who went out on Commissar duties?

A. I think on Commissar duty. He was a really serious man, I think.

Q. Yes. Real professional.

A. Real professional, yes. And extremely intelligent.

Q. Been to Moscow, I suppose?

A. But - yes(?) - I believe he was employed by us during the war, though - in Cairo? in some Intelligence capacity?

At 45597

TOP SECRET

Continuation Sheet.

TABLETOP SECRET

- 15 -

Q. Not KLUGMAN?

A. KLUGMAN, yes that's him. Sorry if I said he had an English name but -

Q. Yes.part in the Balkans.

A. That's right. And I think there was a row about him in the end.

Q. Yes. (pause) ^{W. 45597} [JAMES KLUGMAN.]

A. JAMES, JAMES KLUGMAN, that's the man.

Q. Was he at Cambridge at the time?

A. Yes, I believe he was. He was certainly somebody whose associations with GUY go back to his undergraduate days. He may not actually have been an undergraduate, he may indeed have been one of the Communists whom GUY associated with while he was at Cambridge. Because GUY was very active with the Communists in those days, and sort of Cambridge leader.

Q. Well of course that was also another chap who's taken.....

A. Yes indeed. Another person whom GUY has always said was a wonderful person.

Q. How did he take it?

A. Oh yes.

Q. acted by conviction.

A. Well, I'll(?) certainly defend it in my - I would resent any expression of condemnation of him, and simply say.....

Q. Yes.

A. Then at the other time at that time, the other person - that is a thing I didn't put in my statement (very carefully?), because I think it is a most horrible -

19.02.

FOOTMAN

TOP SECRET

Continuation Sheet.

TABLE

- 16 -

TOP SECRET

9B

FOOTMAN

A.Cont. a dangerous thing - it's a frightfully dangerous thing to say these things about anybody, I think, and I wouldn't say them to anybody else except you. I hope you wont - I mean I hope they wont go any further unless you think it's -

Q. Well that's if - if I think....

A. It's really essential, unless it's DAVID FOOTMAN, of whom, again, GUY has always had the greatest possible admiration - who was then in the Balkans, I think. And it was then GUY first got And until I knew DAVID myself I always had the same idea that perhaps he was one of ~~the people~~

.....

Q. But as a man, he probably altered his views. Were you present when GUY gave a lecture to that Oxford course?

A. Yes.

Q. I certainly derived the impression then. I mean - was that a scoop(?) for Communism?

A. No, no, I don't think it was because I think quite ~~genuinely~~ genuinely during the war, and for a short time after the war, GUY had formed the view that really the British Labour Government was really the salvation of the world, and that by our foreign policy and by our at home policy we would really see to it that there was no further -

Q. So that they(?) must have been associated with GUY only in the war years, I suppose?

TOP SECRET

Continuation Sheet.

TABLETOP SECRET

- 17 -

ROO-TMAN

- A. No, before the war.
- Q. Oh, before the war.
- A. Before the war - I think just about 1937, just about that time.
- Q. He wasn't in his present job there, I don't think, was he?
- A. No he wasn't.
- Q. He (went in while?)(was here?)
- A. I don't think he went in until about 1937 or 1938 did he?
- Q. Then I should say he was certainly ^{in the} not Diplomatic(?)
- A. He was then, I think, in the Balkans, almost the whole time, and GUY has talked to me a great deal about him and said what a wonderful person he was.
- Q. Yes.
- A. Which indeed he is.
- Q. But in a way that led you to think he was the same sort of -
- A. Yes. Certainly. GUY always divided the world into really intelligent people, politically and those who weren't - and DAVID was one of the ones who were, and so was ^{R. 45597} KLUGMAN.
- Q. Yes. R. 604584
- A. And so, indeed, was ANTHONY, and so was KIM.
- Q. This would be GUY's view, you mean, or your's?
- A. GUY's.
- Q. Yes. You retain this sort of sensitivity to this sort of Left Wing argument, I suppose.
- A. Yes, and understood the historic(?) processes at work.

TOP SECRET

Continuation Sheet.

TABLE

- 18 -

TOP SECRET
9B

- Q. Then(?) I say BURGESS.....
- A. It's not, not at all.
- Q.
- A. Very - oh he's(?) - er - that I think is probably one of the shocks GUY received - was to find that people whom he had respected, had really not(?) given ... false....
- Q. Yes.
- A. Did you - had you - did you find anything about KATZ?
- Q. Oh yes, I - er - knew about KATZ. KATZ was really working in British(?) Peace circles, you know, at the time. I think he probably had a job in one of these refugee organisations for getting people out of..... but certainly he knows.....
Actually he (can't be found now??). ^{Rudolf} GOOLOFF (ph) is his name, he has a brother or a cousin.... equally interesting, and that I think must be the chap. I'm much more puzzled by EDOUARD ~~PATTAI~~(ph) ^{PFEIFFER}
- A. You've(?) not been able to -
- Q. Well - er - people of that name, but I can't quite place this chap, he was(?) Chef de Cabinet to DABADIER. I can't quite place him.
- A. I believe every French Prime Minister has an official Chef de Cabinet and a personal one, and he was certainly the personal Chef de Cabinet.
- Q. You see how it all hangs together, doesn't it? I mean here you have..... his position(?) then his convictions, ^{ALAN NUNN}

Dick WHITE has confused Rolf KATZ (closely associated with BURGESS pre-war, PF 47, 638) with Otto KATZ, PF 41, 664.

Continuation Sheet.

TABLE

- 19 -

TOP SECRET

Q.Cont. MAY and so on.

A. Yes.

Q. A vortex, isn't it?

A. The other person who had great influence with him and whom GUY admired enormously was [Ⓢ]JOHN COURT(ph) in PHILBY's(??) day.

Q. And [Ⓢ]MORRIS CORNFORTH, I suppose?

A. Yes. Persons who certainly were.....

Q. And influence with them, I suppose..... they were going to reform(?)..... had regarded Russia as a ...

A. Yes, and to have any scruples about it, was -

Q. And they were genuinely Marxists, and they really take some convincing.

A. Oh absolutely, they were real religious Marxists. And I say that with GUY it is a religious belief, by now, I'm quite sure. Which is why he had such difficulty, reconciling it to his present life, I mean.

Q. Was he, I mean, is he not moved by the evidences of Russian power?

A. Oh he's explained all that away.

Q. Has he?

A. He could explain all that away, I'm quite sure - a very ingenious mind. He would say 'Why object'.....

Q. Well, what I think is significant in what you say is that GUY was himself in touch with a Russian Agency(?) Now, whereas the Russians (would be likely(?) to say 'We're in touch with this man, (but he's?) aHe shall run sub-agents(?) for us.'

Ⓢ John Cornford

TOP SECRET

Continuation Sheet.

TABLE

- 20 -

TOP SECRET

9B

Q.Cont. I don't think they would cross his lines with those of another genuine.....

A. I see.

Q. If he was the reporting(?) ^{scaler} for information going to the Russians, as the story indicates by your saying that he was to meet a Russian in a cafe, all of which had been, and was receiving money from the Russians in (pound notes?) and all that sort of thing, then he was doubtless responsible for sub-sources. And if ^{FE 45397} KLUGMAN got him into that and tied him up with the Russians, that was probably the end of it as far as..... was concerned.

A. Yes, indeed.

Q. I would suspect that GUY gets trained into it variety(?) of his friends, and he would more or less would have(?) turned honest..... to compel them to work for him. And I'm so afraid that quite a number did it who subsequently greatly regretted it and misconstrued, till then misconstrued the situation at the time, maybe they don't feel they misconstrued it at the time -

A. Like me, you mean?

Q. Yes. And now....

A. And what effect will this have on them, you see. Will this be to frighten them or to make them say well they'll be better Communists(??)?

Q. You can frighten them very badly, you see, and (how much(?) you can frighten them, whether there will be other fellows who try to - er - try to escape -

TOP SECRET

Continuation Sheet.TABLETOP SECRET

- 21 -

- A. Let us say, for instance, let us imagine - this thing(??) up here I find difficult to understand because let us say GUY had done this. Unless -
- Q. I think we must agree that he did.
- A. We must agree that, yes, there's no doubt - I mean I, as I say I was ~~never~~ quite sure in my own mind whether he was serious or whether he was play-acting, or whether he was telling the truth or not - one could never tell with GUY. He was doing this. I did always presume(?) that he stopped in 1939, which I presume is perfectly conceivable, that both sides say well..... the war and do nothing.
- Q.and once you've got over the period of the revolutionary thesis..... providing the war is an imperialist war and not an anti-Fascist war, once they got over that one, (this is how our people saw it??) anyway, they would have thought, well now, with the war we're all on the same side ~~xxxxxx~~ so to speak, there's no need for us to do anything (of the sort?), except when you come to an epoch, (about?) 1944, and they say to themselves, I know what's happening now, the war's coming to an end and the Americans and the British are going to make ^{a separate} ~~xxxxxxx~~ peace, they've got weapons and secrets that will aid Russia..... and we're going to help Russia again this time(?) so I see another period when it might mean a resurgence(?) of this thing of(?) '44.....

TOP SECRET

Continuation Sheet.

TABLE

- 22 -

TOP SECRET

9B

Q.Cont. Well by that time these people were all in employment of some sort, secret..... and that's what worried me.

A. I quite agree. It does correspond entirely with GUY's behaviour, you see, because in fact, during the war, was probably one of the happiest periods of GUY's life, I think. He had no worries, he had no conflicts. He worked away, feeling quite sure he was doing the right thing, and they would also think of that(?). And immediately the war began to come to an end he began to behave in a very odd way indeed, emotionally, I mean.

Q. Do you remember (at this time?) an incident? I don't know whether you were in touch with him at that time, but - er - you weren't associated with Broadway until after the war, were you?

A. Until after the war, no.

Q. There was a period when GUY was promoting an idea that there should be a mission to Moscow. Do you remember that?

A. No. Because I hardly saw him during the war, being in the Army the whole time.

Q. Yes. Well that being(??) the case, he - I remember - and I don't - it must have been very early in the war. I think it was when he was associated with Mr LAWRENCE ~~GRAHAM~~^{GRAND?}(?) You don't know LAWRENCE ~~GRAHAM~~^{GRAND}(?) I suppose?

A. No I don't. ^{PF.604,582.}

Q. LAWRENCE ~~GRAHAM~~^{GRAND}(?) had, as [ANTHONY] was saying yesterday, this peculiar brief(?) to sort

TOP SECRET

Continuation Sheet.

TABLETOP SECRET

- 23 -

Q.Cont. of organise resistance to Fascists. (Those were the facts, which you probably don't know?) But anyway, LAWRENCE ~~GRAHAM~~ and BURGESS got as far as America on a trip to Moscow.

A. Oh, they were on a trip to Moscow, because I remember(?) GUY and ISAIAH were on the same boat together.

Q. That's it. Ah yes.

A. And GUY was recalled.

Q. Yes.

A. On landing, I think.

Q. Yes. You see ^{GRAND}~~GRAHAM~~ must know quite a lot of Guy. It seems to me conceivable that BURGESS may have said to ^{GRAND}~~GRAHAM~~ 'They've offered a lot of contacts which you can go and.....' Which ^{GRAND}~~GRAHAM~~ must know.

A. Yes. Because I think that one of the jobs that GUY had was to lecture on Trade Union resistance (among the?).... Which was a surprising thing for GUY suddenly to produce as a - just one of his(?) pieces of..... I think.

Q. But he went himself to Moscow - now when was that?

A. He went - I nearly went with him - he went in about 1934, I should think.

Q. 1934. Well now what was the year he came down from Cambridge, then?

A. He was then at Cambridge, I think.

Q. Then at Cambridge, so that from the Communist point of view, here was a Young Communist come to study the (League of true faith??)

BERLIN
PF604025

TOP SECRET

Continuation Sheet.

TABLE

- 24 -

TOP SECRET

9B

Derek BLAIR

- A. Yes. Together with another Young Communist.
- Q. And was he impressed by that, do you know?
- A. Mm.
- Q. Mightn't this whole question of his being in the Party stem from that period? Might he not have got his instructions then?
- A. Could be. Could be, indeed. It was just then, because he was still a Communist then, certainly, and he was then busy organising - oh, sabotage of the Military Tattoo or something of that sort. There were to be two sabotage parties, one to march and one to engage them. (Laughter.)
- Q. That seems to me on the cards..... Because he goes to Moscow in 1934, gets his instructions then, comes back -
- A. Yes. He did go to talk to, who? - PAPARIN (ph)
BUKHARIN
- Q. Did he?
- A. Yes he did. And several other people, (pause) (who was then?) already in disgrace, I think, at least semi-disgrace, because I think he was then editing the Moscow Daily News.
- Q. That wasn't a true story of GUY, I suppose?
- A. No, I don't think it was - it was - but, I think - of course he went with introductions from the British Communist Party.
- Q. It was still the epoch when the Russians were holding open ^{court.} Courts(?)
- A. Oh very much so. Because the following year I went, I remember.
- Q. You went in 1935?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Did you get a good show round?
- A. Well, no, because I never was a Communist, you see. I simply went by myself with another

TOP SECRET

Continuation Sheet.

TABLETOP SECRET

- 25 -

A.Cont. friend, and we simply went as tourists, and nobody
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ took any notice of us

Q. No. On the Intourist?

A. Yes.

Q. Well even then, at that time, we could see what Communism....

A. Oh yes, ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ much more, from the.....
 And I think GUY wasn't particularly impressed by it, but then he would always say 'Well after all this is a backward country, it's just starting, and what is wonderful(?) is....
'

Q. You see, what has worried me is - supposing he was - well, one of his real friends..... amongst other people must have.....

A. Well if he didn't tell(?)..... I simply can't think why he (bluffed it out??) to me.

Q. No, that's what we wondered.

A. I (am apparently the only one that he told??)
at that juncture(?)..... was
 FERGUSON, because he knew him far better than I did. He admired him more than he ever
 admired me, and ~~they~~ ^{he} had far more influence over him than I ever had over him.

Q. And were probably much more closely associated with him than (they sound?)

A. Oh, much more, because he'd been at Cambridge with him, and so on.

Q. You were at Oxford?

A. Yes.

Q. Did he do that with a view to (roping you in to his?).....

A. What?

TOP SECRET

Continuation Sheet.

TABLETOP SECRET

- 26 -

9B

Q. Blurt it out to you. Solely for that reason, do you think?

A. Oh, I think so, I think so. But then, really after that there is no evidence of the network at all. And I think he may very well, in fact, have regretted ever ~~maxing~~ -

Q. Confided(?)

A. Having done it - and decided that in any case I would probably be no use to him. It may be said - I don't know - the thing he always used to say was that it had ruined his life, doing this, because it meant him having to sever all relations with all the people ~~whom~~ he admired most.

Q. But he didn't sever relations with these people I'm (thinking of?)

A. Not with ^{PF. 604, 582.} [ANTHONY] and KIM, no. But with the ^{PF. 42752.} [KLUGMANS] and the [CORNFORThs] and all those, who really did think him a ----, for having betrayed the Cause, and he really couldn't bear that. And there was a girl called MARGOT HEINEMANN, do you know her?

Q. MARGOT HEINEMANN - yes.

A. Who was engaged to JOHN(?) CORNFORTH, and she was the only person afterwards, who were still official Communists, I mean, whom I ever knew him to speak to. Because he was frightfully careful about that. Frightfully careful. Let us go back for a moment. Let us admit that he did this - that he did conduct espionage for the Russians, up to 1939 when the war broke out. You then assume that he started again ~~xx~~ in 1944, something like that. If he

PF45597

HEINEMANN
PF 53, 236

conduct

TOP SECRET

Continuation Sheet.

TABLE

- 27 -

TOP SECRET

A.Cont. did, he would not have done it with the same conviction that he did it before. I would have thought he'd have had enough sense at that moment to say, 'Look here, I have been approached. And this is what I did. I have been approached, and really can't we make something out of this?'

Q. Yes.

A. 'Can't I work my passage; so to speak.

Q. That suggests a very important point. It's a very important point that.

A. Yes.

Q. By this time, you see, he was surrounded by people with whom he could have got away with such a story, turned it all to good account, (and he didn't take it?)

A. And he didn't do that, which I'm afraid really rather argues that he did still, in fact, have exactly the same convictions.

Q. Yes. Did you ever know KIM's first wife? ^{Genny?} ~~JOAN~~.

A. No, I never did. He was married for a very short time, I believe.

Q. Yes. (Upon hearing of the affair??)

A., No, I decided(?).....actually, and indeed was convinced that ROSS..... and the same thing ROSS had realised when he was doing it, that this was going to cause - perhaps cause very great trouble to him. He was a person he was genuinely devoted to, and I'm very very surprised that - unless he felt that there was no way out, actually. I think probably if he had started - I suppose if he had really started again, then it was too late to come and say. Though even then he'd have got a

TOP SECRET

Continuation Sheet.

TABLE

- 28 -

TOP SECRET

9B

A.Cont. very good
Pr. 604584

Q. You see *[KIM]* was the person whom he had

A. I would have said so.

Q. I would have said so.

A. But I would have said ANTHONY was.

Q. You see he believed he'd been to..... this last 9 months or so.

A. I know. Have you looked at his Bank account?

Q. GUY's? I think we have, yes.

A. There's one thing that -

Q. He(?) came back - you were thinking of this question of the money?

A. Not when he was coming back here - I was thinking of when he went to Constantinople to see *[KIM.] Pr. 604584*

Q. Oh yes.

A. Which he did a year ago, was it? or two years ago? A year ago, I think.

Q. it must have been more than that - it must have been nearer two - KIM has been in America a year.

A. Oh, of course it must have been the year before that. He flew to Constantinople, which cost him something like £250, which is not a sum GUY could easily lay his hands on.

Q. At that time he was receiving a Principal's salary from the F.O. which was extremely small.

A. Yes and all that just covered his drink and cigarettes, I think. He hasn't got extravagant tastes - he's only got these two extravagancies which (drowned by laughter) - nothing else, nothing for clothes or rent or anything else.

Continuation Sheet.

TABLETOP SECRET

- 29 -

- Q. Of course he has nobody to support.
- A. Nobody to support. But I remember being surprised at that time that he should have had - could have raised £250.
- Q. How long was he there?
- A. He always said, of course 'Well, my mother gave it to me', but his mother, I think, says that this was not so.
- Q. That was always his way out of questions about
- A. That his mother gave it to him, yes. ESTHER is another person, of course, who is -
- Q. ^{PF 604688} [ESTHER WHITFIELD] - yes.
- A. Who might very well have known or guessed something.
- Q. Now he was contemplating marrying her, I gather.
- A. Well I - she thought so, I think. I don't believe he ever had the slightest intention of doing it.
- Q. He met her for the first time in Istambul, I think?
- A. I think it - yes, in Istambul. Well I think - I don't know if there is anything else I can tell you.
- Q. No, I think that's gone over the ground pretty thoroughly now.
- A. If there are any questions I can possibly -
- Q. Yes, well I'll let you know if I may.
- A. Do, will you?
- Q. Sorry you're having a bad time with the Press.
- A. It is maddening. The telephone hasn't stopped. And they've now started appearing in person.

TOP SECRET

Continuation Sheet.TABLE

- 30 -

TOP ST

A.Cont. think perhaps they think I'm a friend
because each one of the reporters
'But you were a great personal friend
his, weren't you?'

They proceeded to chat about the reports in the Press
and about reporters in general. This was followed by
conjecture as to where the men were.

A. It has always been in my mind, one
things (which one cannot explain?),
idea - simply in the form that I never
would be surprised if he - because when
talked about FUCHS - sort of saying, 'you
know, what - well, who would want to try
him..... one would always have.....'

19.34.

They both went out, still in conversation.

MR

1

S. Form 81/rev. 1.52.

Hdd. B2 B2a

EXTRACT.

9AB 9A

Extract for File No.: *PF 604,583* Name: *REES*

Original in File No.: *PF 604,558* Serial: *219e* Vol: *3* Receipt Date: *9.6.51.*

Original from: *letter* Under Ref.: Dated: *9.6.51.*

Extracted on: *25.7.52.* by: *BL* Section: *R5*

Extract from letter to Carey Foster of the F.O. forwarded to
Security Service re BURGESS and mentioning REES.

.....

?EDELMAN M.P. alleges that a man called Oronwy
REES or REECE or RHYS who is a friend of BURGESS set up some
sort of trading concern, after the war, for doing business with
Russia.

* If the original is in the file of an individual
include the name of the file owner

SECRET

Copies in:

✓ PF. 604,583 RALAI GH
 PF. 604,582 BLUNDEN
 PF. 161 - 38 HAMILTON
 PF. 55570 REVAL
 PF. 45597 KLUGMAN
 PF. 45515 TOYNBEE

PF. 604,529/B2a/ETR

Commander,
Special Branch.

Please will it be possible to arrange for the under mentioned names to be circulated to your officers at the Ports.

- 1) REES, Morgan Goronwy
Born: Aberystwith 29.11.09
NRIC: No. ARA.3042:364
Passport No: 337115 issued 1.11.46
Address: Falcon House, Sonning, Berks
Profession: ~~son at All Souls College, Oxford~~ *manufacturer.*
- 2) HEWITT, Jack
Address: 10 New Bond Street, W.1.
Employed by Head Wrightson Processes Ltd., Engineers, 24/6 Baltic Street, E.C.1.
Description: Locks 35 - 37. Height 5' 6-7". Thick set build, inclined to be fat. Round fat face. Pale complexion. Clean shaven. Small nose and chin. Light brown hair receding left and parted left. Thick neck. Protruding ears. Wore frameless glasses with strong lenses. Dressed in dark grey sports jacket, light brown trousers, suede slipper type shoes. Carried brown gloves. Good quality clothes but well worn.
- 3) POLLOCK, Peter W.
Address: Sharlows, Slaunden, Hemel Hempstead.
Industrialist connected with Tube Investments Ltd., also farmer.
- 4) HAMILTON, Gerald Francis Bernard
Born: Shanghai 1.11.90
Address: 56 Clebe Place, Chelsea, S.W.3.
- 5) KLUGMAN, Norman John @ James KLUGMAN
Born: 27.2.1912 Hampstead, London.
Address: 61 Talbot Road, London, N.6.
- 6) TOYNBEE, Theodore Philip
Born: 25.6.16 Oxford
Passport No. 33425 issued London 19.12.45, renewed Tehran 22.11.50
Address: 25 Sussex Place, N.W.1.
Journalist
- 7) BLUNT, Anthony Frederick
Born: Bournemouth 26.9.07
NRIC No. ARA 4034:611
Passport No. 28268 issued London 10.12.1945, renewed for the further period of five years on 23.10.50
Address: 20 Portman Square, W.1.
Employed by Courtauld Institute, 20 Portman Square, W.1.
- 8) REVAL, Dr. Andrew
Hungarian: born 6.8.03
Address (Jan. 1951) 107 Wellesley Court, Maida Vale, W.9.
ARC No: 586913
Passport: R.1716/2 issued London, 9.7.49
London Correspondent of Hungarian newspapers.

/Any information regarding

Any information regarding the movements of any of these people should be discreetly recorded and notified during office hours to Mr. Reed or Mr. Skardon of M.I.5. After office hours it should be telephoned to the Duty Officer.

R. T. Reed
R.T. Reed.

9.6.51

Copy

for PR. 604,583

TOP SECRET AND STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

8B

B.4. INTERVIEW WITH MRS. [REDACTED] ON 8.6.51.

[REDACTED] asked to see me urgently this morning. With D.B's and B.2's agreement I saw her immediately but owing to unavoidable interruptions I had to postpone part of the interview until after lunch. The substance of what [REDACTED] (subsequently referred to as B.K.) told me during these interviews is as follows:-

1. She met David FOOTMAN in 1943 when they were both in the same A.R.P. Squad, and they have been close friends ever since.
2. For the past year or so she has been living in D.F's flat at 13 Bruton Street (Flat No. 6) telephone: MAYfair 8528. D.F. has moved out and is living in the flat above (Flat 12) where he has not got a telephone. As a result D.F. makes regular use of the telephone in B.K's flat and B.K. in turn receives a number of telephone messages for D.F.
3. Early in the morning of Friday 25th May, D.F. came to see B.K. at her flat and from there rang Guy BURGESS at his flat to suggest a date for dinner together on the 28th May at either the Naval & Military or Reform Club. BURGESS said he could not manage that date and the dinner was arranged for 1st June instead.
4. D.F. is known to B.K. as being an old official and personal friend of both Goronwy REES and Guy BURGESS.
5. On the 27th or 28th May Margery REES telephoned B.K. to enquire if she or D.F. had heard anything of Guy BURGESS as he had disappeared. Margery REES added that Guy BURGESS had rung her late in the evening on Friday 25th May, and had seemed very 'odd'. She also said she had rung Guy BURGESS at his flat and had spoken to Jackie HEWITT, but that when she rang the flat later on she had got no reply.
6. B.K. first met REES in December 1950 through D.F.
7. B.K. told me she knew D.F., BURGESS, and REES were all close personal friends.
8. B.K. had been told recently by D.F. that he knew BURGESS had been seen on the steps of the Reform Club late on the evening of Friday 25th May, accompanied by a tall man (understood not to be a member of the Club). B.K. thinks this man might have been Anthony BLUNT (whom B.K. has met once) as she knows him to be a friend of Guy BURGESS's. D.F. had previously told B.K. he was going to ask Anthony BLUNT if he knew anything about the disappearance of Guy BURGESS.
9. B.K. heard nothing further until Wednesday 6th June when Goronwy REES rang her to ask if she would be seeing D.F. as he wanted to come round and see him. As D.F. was going to have drinks with B.K. that evening she asked Goronwy REES to join them. As it was apparent to B.K. that they had much to discuss she left them along to talk. During their talk Margery REES telephoned from Sonning to enquire if Goronwy was alright, to which B.K. answered in the affirmative. Margery then asked to speak to D.F. who confirmed that Goronwy was alright.

THIS IS A COPY
ORIGINAL DOCUMENT RETAINED
IN DEPARTMENT UNDER SECTION
3(4) OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS
ACT 1958 OCT 06 2020

/Later in the same

- 2 -

8B

Later the same evening D.F. told B.K. that in his heart of hearts he feared Guy BURGESS had 'diverted'. B.K. then asked him if he had told us of this fact to which he replied that he had already seen Guy LIDDELL and Dick WHITE.

10. B.K. has never met either BURGESS or MACLEAN.

11. On the 7th June (Thursday) Margery REES telephoned B.K. at her flat asking to speak to Goronwy. She also asked B.K. to give D.F. a message about Mrs. BASSETT (Guy's Mother) having received a wire from Guy from ROME saying 'Sorry caused trouble - am going on a Mediterranean cruise'. B.K. understood from Margery that Mrs. BASSETT had since sent this wire to the Foreign Office.

B.K. gave this message to D.F. who then tried to ring Dick WHITE.

12. Goronwy subsequently rang to ask if B.K. and D.F. would dine with him at Shelleys, and went on to say that in his opinion the press leak was in all probability due to the telephone operator at the Reform Club who was known to be very indiscreet.

13. On Thursday 31st May, or Friday 1st June, D.F. told B.K. that 'they' thought BURGESS had gone to stay with friends in France, adding that the only thing missing from his flat was his passport.

14. [REDACTED]

15. D.F. is going abroad on Tuesday 12th June, to Lyons.

16. B.K. has also been given to understand that D.F. thinks Guy BURGESS might have gone to Marseilles and said that D.F. commented on the fact that there were good sailings from Marseilles to Odessa.

17. Goronwy on the other hand has told B.K. that he believes BURGESS may come back.

18. B.K. has asked D.F. what he thinks Guy's future position will be if he returns. D.F. is of the opinion that the whole thing is a brainstorm saying he did not believe BURGESS to be capable of such a calculated act involving the betrayal of official and personal friends.

19. The following friends of BURGESS's are known personally to B.K:-

(i) Elaine FINDLAY - employed in the B.O.T. and also a friend of D.F.

(ii) Pamela PENIAKOFF - recently recommended by [REDACTED] for employment in M.I.5.

(iii) Goronwy REES

(iv) Anthony BLUNT

(v) [REDACTED]

THIS IS A COPY
ORIGINAL DOCUMENT RETAINED
IN DEPARTMENT UNDER SECTION
3(4) OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS
ACT 1958 JANUARY 2022

- 3 -

88

(vi)

(vii) Lucy LUNN

- Employed as secretary in D.F.'s office and is thought by B.K. to be of Russian origin.

(viii) ? Claire FLEMING - John BINGHAM's aunt.

(ix)

20. B.K. knows that BURGESS was warned by the Foreign Office prior to his appointment in Washington to mind his step in future. She added that his friends were always trying to help him and save him from himself.
21. B.K. told D.F. on the afternoon of Thursday 7th June, that she intended telling M.I.5. of all these events to which he agreed, saying that he had already seen M.I.5.
22. B.K. has heard the following remarks during the course of conversation in social circles:-
- (a) That Guy BURGESS is unhappy and left Washington under a cloud.
 - (b) That Guy recently admitted he had difficulty in reconciling some of his official duties with his personal belief that U.S. policy will precipitate a war.
 - (c) That Guy's friends believe the medicine he was in the habit of taking was some form of drug.
23. Early in May D.F. had dined with BURGESS, when they subsequently went on to see an un-named person and were joined by Jackie HEWITT. On this occasion D.F. had considered BURGESS' behaviour to be very odd and said that the latter had taken some medicine.
24. B.K. understands that BURGESS has a sister, and that his Mother lives in Athenaeum Court.
25. Margery REES's sister is Mary MORRIS. (No relation to [redacted])
26. B.K. visited the REES's at their home at Sonning in the middle of May when she was asked by Margery if she knew Guy BURGESS.
27. D.F. has told B.K. that BURGESS was a peculiar character - i.e. that he occasionally deserted his usual intellectual circle and disappeared on visits to the slum area of London docks, and owing to recent events B.K. now wonders if these visits were made in order to contact Soviet agents.
28. B.K. then asked me the straight question if Guy BURGESS was a member of the Communist Party. I said I had no idea and enquired why she asked. She said she knew Guy had done a job for [redacted] in 1939 and that he subsequently went to the B.B.C. where he associated with Communists and she consequently wondered whether he was really a Communist himself, or was acting as an agent for M.I.5.
29. D.F. thinks BURGESS has probably defected to the Russians.
30. Coronwy REES thinks he is suffering from a breakdown and that BURGESS will return.

/31. B.K. returned to

31.

B.K. returned to London on Sunday 3rd June, after a week-end away and D.F. returned on Tuesday 5th June when he told her he had had a letter from Goronwy REES amplifying the telephone call that BURGESS made to Margery REES on 28th May. Margery REES felt at the time that it was his "goodbye to the world", and subsequent events have confirmed this in her mind.

32.

B.K. intends to tell D.F. that she has told M.I.5. all she knows without going into any details with him.

Original in: PF.604,529 115b dated 8.6.51.
NSP/R5
23.7.51.

TOP SECRET

8a

NOTE FOR FILE:

The name of M. Goronwy REES was included in a list of contacts used by C.P.R. which was forwarded to this Office under cover of their 23/21 dated 31.7.50 received 31.7.50. See serial 1a in PF.604,459.

R. Sec.
8.6.51.

TOP SECRET

~~3/10/51~~
8-6-51

Form 81

EXTRACT.

tract for File No.: P.F. 604,583. Name: RALEIGH.
ginal in File No.: P.F. 604,529 supp. B. Serial: Item 221,183. Receipt Date: 7.6.51.
Original from: BURGESS' correspondence. Under Ref.: Dated:
Extracted on: 10.9.51. by: VSI. Section: B.2.b.

Copies of letter from Geronwy REES to Guy BURGESS found at BURGESS' flat,
10 New Bond Street, on 7.6.51.

WARNING
REFER TO APPROPRIATE
OFFICER BEFORE USING

ECONOMY
OPEN by slitting right hand edge.
RE-USE with Economy Label.

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE

CODE No. 27-22

3/8

Royal Pardon

Aldershot

My dear Guy

Thank you very much for your letter.
Nothing you said caused any wound ever so interfering;
 I'm only sorry you are involved in so many subjective
 feelings that must sometimes seem trivial and
 foolish to you. I am very grateful to you for
 your sympathy & understanding and desire to help
 Rizie and me.

I think I probably make out the
 worst possible case for my marriage because
 I don't care to mention my real feelings about
 Margie & in any case others would probably
 find them merely absurd, perhaps irrelevant.
 So I try to discount the fact that I am almost
 childishly happy with Margie & that she fills
 me with extraordinary confidence in herself.
 She gives me a sense of stability and peace,
 even now, and you know how much work you
 do with it.

But all these feelings may be false,
 I know. After only 6 weeks. Only I think there
 may be some misunderstanding of the effect
 seeing Rosamund had on me. I was 'in', and on, not,

certain about what I'm doing. How could one ever
 be? One would have to be a fool. Only seeing
 Rozie, and talking to her, and being unhappy with
 her, increased my doubts, made what I am doing
 seem fantastic, and made me think I must
 see Margie again in case I might after all want
 to get out of it. It is not easy to give up someone
 like Rozie, whom I do love and always shall. But
 I don't want to get out of it and found that I
 had discovered even more than I thought in Margie.

As for happiness, I know
 what you mean, I agree with you. I don't
 think we shall be happy without the changes
 that are necessary apart from ourselves. And
 even if these changes do happen, it's likely
 we shan't be happy. We carry too many wounds
 in us. The problem really is to survive, if
 possible unimpaired, these dreadful calamities
 and not be entirely broken by them; otherwise
 we are useless. I am more capable of surviving
 with Margie than with Rozie. What of all
 I think I could face unhappily with her,
 and face being unhappy with her and could
 ask her to do things I couldn't ask anyone else
 in this kind of way marriage simplifies &
 not complicates.

I'd like to discuss your thesis.

I know I may be making a mistake, that is

always possible, even Michael, in such things,
 So far at least I cannot disagree with you. But there
 are a lot of other things to say.

I hope I shall get away
 on Sunday I have said I will soon see Rosie in
 London, as it won't do any good. Could you possibly
 come here on Saturday evening, perhaps stay
 the night & we would go back together. I should
 be free after six, there are quite good trains,
 perhaps you could stay in the hotel, you would
 see the desert I've mentioned for further mention.

How kind your letter is
 great evidence of friendship

my love

Germany

would you not put 38 7th. in my address
 if the letter is to the Royal Pavilion; if you
 put 38 7th would you address it Home Farm.

HEADQUARTERS 38TH (WELSH) DIVISION

Home Forces

My dear Guy

Rosamund sent me a letter of yours which I thought was admirable and rather moving. I'm glad you won't blame me and like everyone else you have good reasons to suspect that I am mistaken. I know that I'm not, now, though I have not been so immune to doubts. One could not be when one has only known someone for six weeks, and for a very small part of that, and surrounded by her family, and hardly ever alone with her, except walking along the mud banks of the canal on wet melancholy evenings. Strangely enough, what convinced me that I could not be mistaken was Rosamund herself; to all her other virtues she adds extreme cleverness and succeeded in convincing me I was committing some wild & foolish act, so that I thought I should give it up; & only then I suddenly realized how completely unbecoming everything would be without Margie. Perhaps this is a bad argument & in any case one should not argue about such things. I only wanted to say that I'm not mistaken; I may seem to have acted with fearful precipitancy but only because I believe that the only chance of permanent happiness I've ever had suddenly appeared & I could not lose it.

in seeing it, for fear it should vanish. I know it is strange
I should have this feeling because she is without the
virtues common to our friends, I mean of cultivation &
& intelligence & sensitivity & education & what not; she
prefers water cars to painting & saving music to Beethoven
& she reads no books. This sounds alarming, & is; but
on the other hand she seems to be a part of life and not
parasitic upon it.

But I didn't want to write about her
but about Rosamund. You are perhaps one of the few
people she is fond of & can talk to, so I hope you will be as
much use to her as you can. I can't be, I am the murderer,
I know how confused it is that her personal & universal
calamities coincide; but even now I find the universal
calamity itself too horrible to be thought of, the war
& the army together create a terrible desolation and
loneliness that are unbearable. If anyone can
enable me to bear them, when none else can, there isn't
any need to ask why I am in love; all the more so
when in the middle of this unbelievable horror I have
greater happiness than ever before.

Only if you can in any way
comfort Rosamund it would ease my mind a little;
also if you would write to me, or even better, come and
see me. I am at Adelphi, the Royal Pavilion, my
address is as at the beginning of this. I should very

HEADQUARTERS
38TH (WELSH) DIVISION

much like to see you. I get married in December. It might
be possible to meet in London or anywhere more convenient

To write

love

Geranium.

99



Foreign Office News Room

Ministry of Information

White St

London W.C.1.

Attention of Mr Guy Burgess

46

26 Cavendish Avenue
St Johns Wood
N.W.8.

Dear Guy

I am writing to ask whether you can help me to have a telephone installed in my house, at the above address. As you know, I am now returning to The Spectator, as Assistant Editor, and a telephone is really essential for me. The G.P.O. have already said that they will speed up the installation, if I have an urgent need of it. I am sure a word from your department would help.

I shall be most grateful
if you can assist
Yours ever
Gorham Rees.

46

39 Hills Road

Cambridge

My dear Guy

Do you remember that when I met you said Victor Rothschild might be able to help Margie get a job here at Cambridge, at Marshall's or some where else? We'd both be very grateful if you could write & ask him to do something? As she's only 20 she will in any case have to register next month. She's very interested in machines & seems to be quite good at them & it would be much better if she could get a job that would be interesting. Let me know if you can do anything.

It was very enjoyable meeting you & James; are you married yet? Do come to Cambridge if you have a chance, I hope we'll meet soon.

If you can, do something quickly

Love

Egon

Page 10/10/55

38 7w. HQ

Home Files

My dear Guy

I can't ring you up because all times calls are restricted to military ones. I'd very much like to see you. I've no idea what you think of all this, but I'm very grateful to you for being the person to whom Rosamund can talk. Everything is becoming perfectly horrible. I suppose it's my own fault; I should have thought things to be bad a long time ago before they became so serious, I always had premonitions of disaster.

Write to me as soon and see me or ring me up any morning about 8.30 at the Pavilion. I've been a busy week-end as I should have tried to come & see you.

my love

Elizabeth.

Extract for PF.604,583 - REES. *4-1st B2* **7B**

Original in PF.604,529 volume 2 serial 100c.

COPY.

Note.

Geronwy REES telephoned Captain Liddell last week to say that REES' wife, MARGIE, had a very 'alarming' conversation with BURGESS the day before he left this country. REES promised to reconstruct the conversation and to send a letter to Captain Liddell. This letter is the result. REES sent it to David FOOTMAN who brought it to Mr. White, D.B. at 2.30 pm. on the afternoon of Wednesday, 6th. June.

B2A
6.6.51

(Signed) R. T. Reed.

Copy of letter attached.

EJS/R5 16.7.51

THIS IS A COPY
ORIGINAL DOCUMENT RETAINED
IN DEPARTMENT UNDER SECTION
3(4) OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS
ACT 1958 *MAR 2022*

- 2 -

76

Copy of letter written by Geronwy REES, All Souls College,
Oxford to David FOOTMAN of [REDACTED] re. BURGESS.

I promised Guy Liddell I would send him an account of Margie's conversation with Guy, but I was not sure where to send it, so I am sending it to you. Would you show the enclosure to him and also this letter.

I have tried to put down the conversation as objective as possible, but it isn't easy as the conversation was a very long one and I think at moments at cross-purposes.

But what seems to me clear is

- (a) Guy wouldn't have rung up Margie in this way unless he had something very important to say and that I would understand
- (b) It could not have been the question of the Telegraph he was so distressed about; it was something else he was trying to convey
- (c) he couldn't talk to me directly because he felt it could only lead to argument and mutual distress
- (d) I think he had come to some important decision you can guess what, but hadn't decided how to execute it. If this is so, then it may still not be too late to prevent him doing something which will give great distress to us all and may be fatal for him, and I therefore hope that every possible effort will be made to locate him.

Forgive all this, but I am really very distressed about it all.

Love,

Geronwy.

PS. You may have had a note from Isaiah. As you may guess, it all depends on whether he will be Warden. If he is, he will be here and will be delighted to lecture. If he is not elected he will be going to America. We should know very soon.

THIS IS A COPY
ORIGINAL DOCUMENT RETAINED
IN DEPARTMENT UNDER SECTION
3(4) OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS
ACT 1958
MARCH 2022

- 3 -

Copy of Enclosure.Conversation with Guy.

G. rang up my wife (whom I will call M) on Friday, May 24. The conversation lasted about an hour. It is quite unprecedented for G. to speak to M. in this way. They are fond of each other, but G. has never before talked seriously to M. about anything. M. thought G. was under the influence of drink or drugs. His speech was thick and slurred, he was very distressed, and her chief concern was therefore to try and calm him down.

1. First of all G. said that it was M. he wanted to speak to, and not me. He was sorry he had not seen us, but it was no good he and I talking to each other, we didn't agree and the only result of meeting would be to upset both of us. He would not see me for some time. G. was extremely distressed about the world situation and by the war which, owing to the Americans, is imminent. I did not agree with him about this, nor did anyone else in this country. The state of affairs in Washington was extremely bad, and they were just as bad here because people refused to understand what was happening. G. was very distressed because the F.O. refused to take any notice of the rejected despatches he had brought back from Washington.

2. M. then asked how he was and what he was going to do. G. said that since his return he had been ill, he had had headaches, sinus and other troubles, but was now better. He was on two weeks leave from the F.O. and had presented them with an ultimatum that he would resign unless he was both promoted and guaranteed a permanent post in this country. He laughed and said of course they would refuse. He would not come and stay with us and would not see us for some time. He had been staying with Peter POLLOCK, with whom he had been very happy. He hoped very much we would see him and also would have Jacky to stay.

3. Michael BERRY had been extremely kind and they were very keen to have him on the Telegraph. He felt he was

/betraying

- 4 -

betraying himself and many people, his friends, would be shocked at what he was going to do. (M. thinking he was talking about the Telegraph) said he should not feel bad about it. The F.O. was no good for him; he should try and be happy in the best way he could and not worry about what people thought. Many people had been shocked by my going into business, though Guy had not been.

4. At this G. brightened up and seemed to become less depressed. He felt as M. did. She and I did not know how lucky we were, particularly me. He repeated that I did not know how lucky I was. He knew I would not be shocked at what he might do, but many people would. He knew M. would understand.

5. He said he was very distressed about my illness, which he knew was due to the state of the world. I knew what was wrong but I had escaped and was suffering as a result. He had a very profound shock in Washington. At the Embassy they knew what the true state of affairs was but did not have the courage to say so. Then he asked after the children and said again how lucky we were to have them and the house and to live out of London. M. was to explain to me everything he had said. He was certain I would agree it was better for us not to meet.

7. M. says that during the conversation she had the impression that, if G. had come to some decision, he had only just made up his mind and had not made any definite plan.

EJS/R5
16.7.51

PF. 604,583

7A

Extract from B.4. Note dated 6.6.51 (original in PF.604,582)

At a meeting with D.B. (B.2., B.2.a and B.4. present) at 1645 hours D.B. instructed that the following telephone checks should be imposed immediately: -

.....

SONNING 3197 - home telephone number of Morgan Goronwy REES, Falcon House, Sonning, Berks.

Spoke Saffery about imposition of the above at 1650 hours.....the Sonning number (was working) by 2300 hours.

(Sgd) M.D.C.

S. Form 81/rev. 1.52.

68

EXTRACT.

P.F. 604,529

BURGESS

Extract for File No. : P.F. 604,583Name : REES.Original File No. : * P.F. 604,591 SuppSerial : 9 Vol : 4 Receipt Date : 6.6.51Original from : TelecheckUnder Ref : 10.2130 Dated : 5.6.51Extracted on : 16.4.53 by : JA Section : B.2.1

Extract from telecheck on REG. 1530 (Guy BURGESS) Jack HEWITT and Anthony BLUNDEN are discussing the disappearance of Guy.

Jackie asked how was Geronwy (REES) Anthony told him that Geronwy and Margy ~~WASXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ had both been awfully ill.

J. Is he worried about Guy, or not?

A. Yes.

J. He is? I think he's much more gloomy than we are, you know. I think he thinks that Guy's either going to go to Russia or commit the ultimate suicide.

A. Well, he's frightfully depressed about this extraordinary conversation he had with (Margy)

J. Well, I don't know about that conversaition.

A. Oh I thought she told you. This business about not seeing him again for a long time. Like the conversation (?at Andy's) -REVA/ only more (?in earnest)

* If the original is in the file of an individual include the name of the file owner

PP. 604,558 MACLEAN
 PP. 604,529 BURGESS
 PP. 604,582 BLANDEN
 PP. 604,583 RALPH

6A

After statements had been made by Goronwy REES and Anthony BLUNT to Mr. White in the afternoon the following action was taken: -

1. Arranged for Mr. Joco, C.4.a. to obtain urgently for us the passport papers of Goronwy REES and Anthony BLUNT.
2. Arranged with Colonel Cuming to put on check Goronwy REES' telephone SONNING 3197, installed at Falcon House, Sonning, Berks.
3. Arranged with Colonel Cuming to put on check the following telephone numbers to cover Anthony BLUNT - WELbeck 1388 and WELbeck 9841.
4. Consideration was given to instructing the Immigration Officers at all ports in this country to report if Goronwy REES or Anthony BLUNT attempted to leave the country. It was decided not to do this for the present.
5. It was suggested that we should have a H.O.W. on Kim PHILBY at the British Embassy in Washington and on his home address. It was decided not to do this and to await the result of discussions that Mr. White was to have with [REDACTED]

We considered whether we should put David FOOTMAN of [REDACTED] on check but we were not sure of his telephone number and did not feel it advisable to ask anyone for it. There is a D. FOOTMAN in the telephone book - MAYfair 8528, 13 Bruton Street, W.1.

B.2.a.
 6.6.51

R.T. Reed
 R.T. Reed.

THIS IS A COPY
 ORIGINAL DOCUMENT RETAINED
 IN DEPARTMENT UNDER SECTION
 3(4) OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS
 ACT 1958 MARCH 2022

Copy No 1

5A

STATEMENT of Morgan Garonwy REES of Falcon House, Sonning, Berkshire,
WHO SAITH:

Ex. PF 605, 565, K3/8
[I first knew Guy BURGESS when he was an undergraduate at
Cambridge and I was at Oxford.] At this time he was an active Communist.
This would be about 1932 to 1933. He later (query) 1935 left the Party
with considerable publicity. This gave considerable offence to many of
his friends including myself though I was not a member of the Party. I
did not then see him for some time but heard that his political views had
totally altered, that he had become in effect a fascist, and was active
in promoting associations between this country and the German National
Socialists. I did on one occasion meet him by chance and reproach him
for his change of views and his new right wing associates one of whom was
Captain Jack MACNAMARA M.P. to whom I believe BURGESS was then Secretary.
We parted on bad terms and again I did not see him for some time. [In I
believe 1937 or perhaps earlier we did meet again and once again became
close friends.] A little later I wrote an article in the "Spectator" by
which BURGESS professed to be very deeply impressed. [He said to me that
he was working on behalf of an anti Fascist organisation and that his
task was to collect confidential political information and later he said
that this organisation was in fact the Comintern or rather a secret branch
of it. He also said that this was the reason why he had left the
Communist Party because he had done so under direction. He had obeyed
his orders only because of the depth of his political convictions and in
spite of the great personal pain it had caused him in breaking with his
friends. He said that he wished me to help him in carrying out his work
and said that one of his other sources of information was Anthony BLUNT.

Ex. PF 605, 565, K3/8
1-2-23
(Extracted to PF-605, 565, K3/8
1-2-23)
He at no time mentioned any other names as being direct sources of his
but I always assumed because of his frequent contacts with them that
among them were

(a) [Rolf KATZ,] an economist and financial adviser to whom I don't
know. I think I am right in remembering that BURGESS once said or hinted
that he had been in Moscow and had been some form of economic assistant
to some organisation of the Comintern.]

(b) Edouard PFEIFFER, a Frenchman who was described as head of
Daladier's personal secretariat. [PFEIFFER] was a politician of some

P.F. 604588

/importance in

2.

importance in France and he also held some official position in the Boy Scout Movement. As I understood it BURGESS was acting as an intermediary between PFEIFFER representing Daladier and Mr. Chamberlain and some of his personal associates among them being a Sir (?) Joseph BALL. These negotiations were too secret for normal methods of communication. I should add here that BURGESS never asked me to obtain or provide any information for him though in the normal course of conversation we naturally discussed whatever I knew. I should also add that owing to BURGESS's strange personality I was never quite certain whether he was what he professed to be or whether indeed I was myself what I was supposed to be in this strange combination. I did once ask him to whom he gave his information and he replied that he had a contact with a Russian whose name he did not know and whom he met in small cafes. The only verifiable fact that did lead me to think that BURGESS was telling the truth was that on one occasion he took some notes from a large bundle which was lying in a cupboard. We now arrive at the time of the German-Soviet Pact when BURGESS was away in France with BLUNT.

On his return I told him that the Soviets had ruined any chance of preventing war and that I wished to have no more to do with his organisation if indeed such a thing existed. He did not agree with my views but was extremely distressed. He said that BLUNT also had expressed the same views and that under the circumstances we had better give up the whole affair but that for obvious reasons it was best if we never mentioned the subject again even to each other. After the war I did once or twice refer to the subject but on each occasion he became extremely agitated and refused to discuss the matter. I once in a moment of anger told him (untruthfully) that lest he should have any doubts on the subject I had deposited a factual account of our association with my Bank. At this he was very surprised and alarmed and asked me to describe the document. I should add that from the time of the German Soviet Pact I had no doubt that BURGESS had in fact given up his previous association. After the war we remained on very intimate terms and I still had no reason to doubt this view. In recent months while BURGESS was in America I have received several letters from him in which he has expressed very strongly his disapproval of American foreign policy and his belief that the Americans were

/deliberately

3.

deliberately provoking a third World War which was now imminent. On his return from America and indeed on the same day that he arrived he came to see me in the country. He was in a highly excited but exalted state of mind. He repeated the views he had formed of American foreign policy severely criticised our Embassy for failure to represent the true state of affairs and showed me two draft despatches of his which the Embassy had refused to send. He said that he intended to show these despatches to the Foreign Office and also that he intended to press his views upon several influential persons the most important of whom in his eyes was Mr. Kenneth YOUNGER whom he believed to sympathise with his opinions. I formed the opinion that he thought his efforts would have a genuine effect upon the course of policy here. This was the last time I saw him but on Friday 25th May he had a long and strange conversation with my wife of which I have given a full report elsewhere.

This statement has been read over to me and it is true to the best of my belief.

(signed) M. G. REES.

6th June, 1951.

Room 055,

War Office,

Whitehall, S.W.1.

PF. 604,583.

Original Statement of Morgan Garonwy REES,
of Falcon House, Sonning, Berkshire.

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE



SONNING 3197.

^{Morgan}
Statement of Goronwy Rees of Falcon House
Sonning. Berkshire who said:-

I first knew Guy Burgess when he was an undergraduate at Cambridge and I was at Oxford. At this time he was an active Communist. This would be about 1932 to 1933. He later (maybe) 1935 left the Party with considerable publicity. This ~~was~~ ^{was} ~~considerable~~ ^{gave} considerable offence to many of his friends including myself though I was not a member of the Party. I did not then see him for some time but heard that his political views had totally altered, that he had become in effect a fascist and was active in promoting a associations between the Country and the German National Socialists. I did on one occasion meet him by chance and ~~reproach~~ reproach him for his change of views and his new right wing associates one of whom was Captain Jack Macnamara M.P. to whom I believe Burgess was then Secretary. We parted on bad terms and again I did not see him for some time. In I believe 1937 or perhaps earlier we did meet again and once again became close friends. A little later I wrote an article in the "Spectator" by which Burgess professed to be very deeply impressed. He said to me that he was working on behalf of an anti Fascist organisation and that his task was to collect Confidential Political information and later he said that this organisation was in fact the Comintern or rather a secret branch of it. He also said that this was the reason why he had left the Communist Party because he had done so under direction. He had obeyed his orders only because of the depth of his political convictions and in spite of the great personal pain it had caused him in breaking with his friends. He said that he wished me to help him in carrying out his work.

and said that one of his other sources of information was Anthony Blunt. He at no time mentioned any other names as being direct sources of his. but I always assumed because of his frequent contacts with them that among them were

- (a) Rolf Katz an economist and financial adviser to whom I don't know. I think I am right in remembering that Burgess once said or hinted that he had been in Moscow and had been some form of economic assistant to some organization of the Comintern.
- (b) Edward (?) PFEIFFER a Frenchman who was described as head of Daladier's personal secretariat. Pfeiffer was a politician of some importance in France and he also held some official position in the Boy Scout Movement. As I understood it Burgess was acting as an intermediary between Pfeiffer representing Daladier and Mr Chamberlain and some of his personal associates among them being a Sir Joseph Ball. These negotiations were too secret for normal methods of communication. I should add here that Burgess never asked me to obtain or provide any information for him though in the normal course of conversation we naturally discussed whatever I knew. I should also add that owing to Burgess's strange personality I was never quite certain whether he was what he professed to be or whether indeed I was myself what I was supposed to be in this strange combination. I did once ask him to whom he gave his information and he replied that he had a contact with a Russian whose name he did not know and whom he met in small cafes. The only verifiable fact that did lead me to think that Burgess was telling the truth was that on one occasion he took some notes from a large bundle which was lying in a cupboard. We were now aware at the time of the German-Soviet Pact when Burgess was away in France with Blunt.

On his return I told him that the Soviets had ruined any chance of preventing war and that I wished to have no more to do with his organisation if indeed such a thing existed. He did not agree with my views but was extremely distressed. He said that Blum also had expressed the same views and that under the circumstances we had better give up the whole affair but that for obvious reasons it was best if we never mentioned the subject again even to each other. After the war I did once or twice refer to the subject but on each occasion he became extremely agitated and refused to discuss the matter. Once in a moment of anger told him (untruthfully) that lest he should have any doubts on the subject I had deposited a factual account of our association with my Bank. So this he was very surprised and alarmed and asked me to describe the document. I should add that from the time of the German Soviet Pact I had no doubt that Burgess had in fact given up his previous association. After the war we remained on very intimate terms and I still had no reason to doubt this view. In recent months while Burgess was in America I have received several letters from him in which he has shown very strongly his disapproval of American foreign policy and his belief that the Americans were deliberately provoking a third World War which was now imminent. On his return from America and indeed on the same day that he arrived he came to see me in the country. He was in a highly excited but exalted state of mind. He repeated the views he had formed of American foreign policy severely criticised our Embassy for failing to represent the true state of affairs and showed me two draft despatches of his which the Embassy had refused to send. He said that he intended to show these despatches to the Foreign Office and.

also that he intended to press his views upon several influential persons the most important of whom in his eyes was Mr Kenneth Younger whom he believed to sympathise with his opinions. I formed the opinion that he thought his efforts would have a genuine effect upon the course of policy here. This was the last time I saw him but on Friday 25th May he had a long and strange conversation with my wife of which I have given a full report elsewhere.

This statement has been read over to me and it is true to the best of my belief.

M G Rees

Copied 8.10.52

S. Form 81/rev. 1.52.

EXTRACT.

Extract for File No.: P.F. 604,582
P.F. 604,583 Name: BLUNDEN
REES.

Original in File No.: P.F. 604,529 Serial: 145e Vol: 2 Receipt Date: 12.6.51
to be filed under

Original from: Table material Under Ref.: CZ/M Dated: 6.6.51

Extracted on: 8.10.52 by: JA Section: B.2.a

Copy of Table material of interview between D.B., BLUNDEN and REES.

If the original is in the file of an individual
include the name of the file owner

*This is quite impossible bad
but does contain a few scraps
of value.*

TABLETOP SECRET

WARNING: No Action is to be taken on this material without reference to the responsible section, nor may its contents be disclosed outside the Service without permission.

NOTE: In the absence of instructions to the contrary the original record will be destroyed one month after the date of delivery. Copies not wanted for filing or returning to B.4.B. must be destroyed as secret waste, destruction being recorded on the Section Register.

Distribution:

B.1.A.	B.1.B.	B.1.D.	B.1.E.	B.1.G.				

B.4.B. Ref.: CZ/M.

Responsible Section:

Date of Delivery:

D.B.

A. REES.

A. PLUNT



18 JUN 1951

6.6.51.

15.10. One or two people heard in conversation.
Voices a little difficult to sort out, but
details of conversation given as follows:-

- I. Here I am? About this business of GUY's
when he was - he was working for me? before the
war.....public service.....I think he was
working for me about 1939. Supply, not us.
That's just before the war. Then I seem to
remember something he got later.....
we didn't come into existence until a matter of
months before the war.
- A. No - that's what I thought -
- I. That's how it was. So what is your theory -
tell me the details.
- A. Er - it goes back.....and I should think it
would be round about 1937.
- I. About 1937-38 - yes. He is not employed where -
B.B.C.
- A. I think it is. I am not sure that he was employed
anywhere.
- G? I think he may also.....
- I. Didn't he go to the no, I think it
was B.B.C.

TOP SECRET

Continuation Sheet.TABLETOP SECRET

- 2 -

A. My impression was B.B.C. - that's right.

I. I'm pretty certain.....

A. I think he went to the B.B.C. after being established???

I. He's a lecturer isn't he?

A. Yes, so I understand.....

I. Well do I.....was GUY.....

A.before hejust a few months before the war was over, because there's always a great deal of cloak and dagger business....for..... but for the Secret Service, and we always associate him with, sort of a B???? from discovering about B??? later, during which - about this story, I will tell you about it; there was a thing called the Joint Broadcasting Committee (J.B.C.) - Joint Broadcasting Committee was doing some sub-rosa - some sort of broadcast in German I think it was,...and GUY had a great deal of photographic stuff, collecting - co-ordinating left-wing business?? for this, whatever it was.

G? Yes.....years ago.

A. And his story to me was simply that it was ~~based~~ the basis of general anti-Soviet literature. He used to write an atomic.....rushing about with a great deal of.....fast cars....and one used to meet highly sinister people at his flat, of whom so far I can only remember two - 2 so far; and there was a further organisation - this thing - Jack MacNAMARA, who was an M.P.?? Ralph DAVIDSON, PETER ? - I think he's dead.

G?gained control of.....

A. Something like that.....Jack MacNAMARA, the realof South Eastern Europe -

Continuation Sheet.

TABLE

TOP SECRET

- 3 -

I.is?.....

A. ...whose name I don't know, a man who is highly sinister - that, incidentally, had totally different.well that really is extremely elaborate.....about which I was highly suspicious.

I. Did he extend (?explain) the contacts with Russia.

A. All I know about it is that he used to say that he was using his communist friends - he was using all my old friends.....

I. Yes -

A. I've got 2 people - I've got a dozen people - I can remember....an extremely sinister character called Rolf KATZ, who was known by ALGY??...and.....Argentinian.

I. Argentinian?

A. ARMECRO (very ph)..disappeared....South American

(regret confusion of voices here as all talked at one time - vague scraps only audible -

G?cut in Switzerland, and he says he is in.

A. Yes.

G? By the time ANTHONY saw him you know

A.that was....

G? ,,,,,,that must have been.....

A. ..the 7 (?7th) -

I. But there again, you see, the other view? comes in.

A. Yes.fellow called ? .. a man called (possibly spelt PFEILLEUR) who was, we were told chef-de-cabinet to DALADIER; and there was a great deal of running to Paris

Pfeiffer

TOP SECRET

Continuation Sheet.

TABLETOP SECRET

- 4 -

and as far as I can remember GUY - damned if
I can remember - I think he was somewhere like...

I. I know

G?

A. Yes, but there was a great deal of running about
with secret messages from CHAMBERLAIN, -

I. In which GUY was involved ?

A. ...Yes.....taking messages from CHAMBERLAIN to
DALADIER with.... might be CHAMBERLAIN to A.D.C.??
....that type of thing.

I. Did he represent these activities where all the
names of the J.B.C. that were -

A. Well I can't remember exactly what role the J.B.C.
take in, but it was more represented as the 4?
various Secret Services - whether it was (D) or
S. that I'm -

I. Yes.

A. But later you see it was the

I. Yes.

A. When he became S.O.E. and all that business, I
linked this up, and I took.....probably -

I? ROBERTSON???.....suggested it.

A. Er - I mean he may have suggested it, or I may
have thought to myself -

I. Rolf KATZ could have been Rudolf KATZ ?

A. I never let,.....he was extremely.....

I. Quite recently had ?

A. Didn't think he actually had.....GUY had been
..... cut of the service to the COMINTERN.

I. Oh really.

A. I know he'd been. (regret confusion of
voices again at this point).

TOP SECRET

Continuation Sheet.

TABLE

TOP SECRET

- 5 -

I. I think he had actually been in Moscow.... Pact .
You don't remember how he got there I suppose?

A.contact....I've no idea..... Major ROBERTS.
simply set.....at the beginning of the war...
in Sweden for the Convention?? I think -

I. Yesofficial.

A. I'm pretty certain I think, but again not too
certain, but the statement waschef-de-cabinet
.....yes.....the communication was....his
private secretary....DALADIER.

I. Who was ?

A.he was.....

(again confused and following remarks only heard -
went to Scandinavia..... Dr. NEWBY?

A. It just came across - running through my mind -
Rudolf KATZ...friend ISHERWOOD??? .. presumably
.....an issue (?Isherwood) of Berlin? days.

X Gerald?

I. Is he tied up with ^{Joe? Gerald} Jean HAMILTON at all ?

A. Yes, he was.....^{Joe? Gerald} Jean HAMILTON.....

I. And GUY used to meet in London.

A. GUY used to meet in London certainly -

I. Then he went to live in Paris.

A. Yes...and used to go

Rolf KATZ

I. Lived somewhere around Richmond? -

A.used to come to London quite often. I (GUY)
used to go to Paris, but not to see him....I went
with him.....

I. Well that's really your part of the story.

A. That's my.....

G? Well now I'll start at the very beginning of
my acquaintance with GUY because.....prepared
a document, and he was at the.....which
continued to be our practice..... local.....

Continuation Sheet.

TABLE

TOP SECRET

- 6 -

left the Party??.....

I. You mean that he was a former member of the Party in Britain? at that time.

G. Yes, very....

I. An active member and that he definitely broke with the Party as an organisation at that time...

G. Yes,.....that's correct.....and after that I didn't see him for some time, until one day I met him in town and we had a very long argument in which he expressed....impatience to...and we had quite a row, and I said "how can you seriously think, after what you think it involves....."had a scot? round - we gave - I would say it was in 1937 roughly, and I began to sort of getand after I had seen him several times, he came to me and said he was working for an organisation which was collecting bits of information to assist a couple of scientists?..... and he told me also that actually he was doing it for.....he later said he was, in fact, a Comintern agent, and what he wanted me to do was to tell him as much as I could about any ? conversations + heard which would be of interest to Russia?, and it was part of their business. It wouldn't have been very long before Munich, because I remember having a very long conversation with him about a dinner party at ^(ph) Lord SOMES???, at which HALIFAX and DAWSON, and I think CHAMBERLAIN, were present - he was our.....he told me....ANTHONY of course was working for him, but I also discussed these things with him simply on the strength of..... Cabinet.....I was in his.....and so on.

? anti-parasite

X ALL
SOURCES

TOP SECRET

Continuation Sheet.

TABLE

TOP SECRET

- 7 -

I. Can we stop a second -
Were you consciously doing that ANTHONY.

A. No.

I. No.

G. ..I can't remember the dates, ^{this} but/as far as
I can remember, ~~it~~ was before even that I had
as far as I can remember
heard about BURGESS'????? ../.but I am not
quite certain.

I. But you would put it at '37.

G. I would put it at '37 yes.....I could date it
exactly.

I.

G. I could date it almost exactly I think actually,
because it was after I had visited him, and asked
forat a certain time - he came to me and said,
"you were asking about....a long time ago.....
.....service.....in those days
I was a member of the Writers (United) International
and we were all going off to a Congress in Paris???/
and it was at that time I went and paid a visit to
^{PLAYFAIR}
Mrs? PLAFAIR??, I remember walking to their place -
em - I should think - em a good deal.....
ask me how to do it?..... there was a great deal
about it in the Party paper.... ..said £1000...
and he said I need a certain amount of it ...in
the Cabinet. Em - one of the things that led
me to think that GUY was telling the truth was, ^{(because} ~~but~~
there was nothing to tell me that he was,) was the
fact that these expeditions and so on, did cost a
great deal of money....these/^{expensive} trips to Paris and so on.
and that once or twice, - I should think once. ^{probably} /....-
I did - had seen, quite a lot of money in cash in
his flat, which was very unlikely to have been
thought.....at that time. Well then came the
time of the German-Soviet Pact.....I remember

Continuation Sheet.TABLETOP SECRET

- 8 -

about it, you and he were in Potsdam?? abroad.

A. Yes.

G. and as soon as he came home, I said to him
"well look, these people", actually.....
and I personally will have nothing more to do
with this. And he said - well, I spoke to
ANTHONY too - he was very distressed - I spoke
to ANTHONY too, and he said exactly the same
thing, and in fact the best thing we could all
now is to stop this, and we will never mention
or speak about it again. I said - agreed.

And, in fact, he never has spoken about it again
and if I ever tried to mention it to him, he has
a good.....about it..... and that I

I. think is the end of the story....

I. Yes. You don't know of any other persons whom
he might have regarded as sources of information -
who he might have been likely to have approached.
You see you two were, in fact not employed in any
place where you could have reasonable access -

G. No, no.

I. Presumably he was seriously a Comintern agent and
would have persons who were - you can't suggest
any names in that connection.

G. The only names we could^{suggest} would be equally at
that time people who would have no access.

One of the persons who always worked with BURGESS
on anything of interest or importance really -
apart from ANTHONY... was MACLEAN I think; but
there again you see its extremely difficult to
say because he was always.....BURGESS.....
no doubt he would go on making use of all his old..
all the communist friends.

I. Well, what was KING??? doing at that time.

TOP SECRET

Continuation Sheet.

TABLETOP SECRET

- 9 -

G. KING wasservice..... bother to explain..... amount of experience. Of course having said all this, this explains GUY'S point of view (a) why he left the Party -

I. Because he said he left the Party on account of directions.....

G. Yes. And it explains I think the great disapproval.....from my point of view as it were quarrelled with.....MACNAMARA...spend so much time in conflicts, that's the explanation of it,because.....these people. I just can't think there anything serious.....at least I have.

I? A? I don't know if you got the letter I wrote today

G. Yes I did.....BURGESS.....

I? So you think - on all you know of him, and all

A. that you've talked with him about since 1939 - since 1940 - what was the year of the Soviet - '39

G. 1939.....

I. Do you think he made a clean break in 1939.

G. That's what I've always thought, yes.

A. It was clear - I was with him???

G?A. It was clear, I was with him at the time, it was clear that the news of the Pact was a terrific.....we were motoring abroad, and as far as I can remember we arrived - I should think he - there was some question whether he could go - one was always obviously fairly uncertain - there was some question of whether he could go, or whether.....would allow him to go.....went and got the facts....and when he got the facts the news was obviously much blacker and.....and we motored back at a most appalling speed from the coast....and somewhere

TOP SECRET

Continuation Sheet.

TABLE

TOP SECRET

- 10 -

on the road he bought a paper, and this was in it, and I remember thinking - never have I known GUY to think so rapidly and in so many directions (?suddenly to act) simultaneously could put forward.....all this effort.. absolutely - well we were all rather like that- it was clear ~~xxxxxx~~ that it was all nonsense.

G. Yes. When I talked to him about it, he did not agree with me, you see, at the time that the Soviet had.....but wished to stop talking about it at all.....

.....
all this is so painful.....

A. and to me.

G. ...had I believe, he had later seen PRITT, but if I were asked now, was I sure that he had, I would not be able to say yes.

I. You know he's not alone.

G. Is he not?

I. No.

G.? Do you know who he's with.

I. Yes we do. He's with another man at the Foreign Office.....

G. TURNER??? WERNER???? ~~WERNER~~ ⁹

I. No. He's with a man called MACLENN. Donald MACLEAN. You see, and this, which is precise, leaves one with absolutely no doubts at all - leaves one with the conclusion that he roped MACLEAN into this..... possibly .

G. ...it was through Donald MACLEAN that he saw? PRITT.

I. He's a great friend of his -

G. He's a great friend of his, and again was one of the people, who.....would be one of the people I would say I had a sort of quarrel? about -

TOP SECRET

Continuation Sheet.TABLETOP SECRET

- 11 -

I. Well its a very nice state of affairs (? statement of facts). Lets get to the bottom of them - these chaps are on the run together because of something they have done in the past which looks uncommonly like espionage.

G. Well look it occurred to me that GUY had been got at in 1939.....that his state of mind.... well he goes to America for something.....
.....he came back and expressed.....
and again I would have said.....what I would have said was they are quite sure - I mean the Americans are made...and I agree with you that there's.....possibility of a war.....and they are doing their best.....Soviet....and to a man
.....he said - well you see what happens when you go home, its exactly the same there as you will realise at this stage, and it? will have no effect at all. And he came back.....fixed up, and the Soviet....1941.....and I think in those circumstances.....

I. The shock being clearly a political one.

G. Yes.

I. and purely that, in his view, America is heading us all into a third world war, and that was what was in his despatches? and so on -

G. Yes.

I. This being.....

Ø/ And after he got back he had these interviews which convinced him he was on the right track.

G. Yes.

I. ...he sympathised with it.....
and there was an air about the whole of the departure, sort of taking an entirely new line -

TOP SECRET

Continuation Sheet.TABLETOP SECRET

- 12 -

he agreed with his friends -

G. Beg pardon -

I. He agreed with his friends - discussing it everywhere
.. that crops up in many of the things he said -

G. That's so -

I. Very much in what he said to your wife -

G. Very much indeed actually - he knew that if he did
talk to me we would almost certainly have a row....
.....even spoke to me (her)..... but
at the same time I'm perfectly convinced.....

I Then of course its difficult to see why he should
have convinced MACLEAN, who was a very quiet -
I don't say he's stable, but he a very much less
excitable man than GUY.

G. Oh he is a highly unstable man -

I. Very unstable - yes.

G. Highly unstable.

.....

.....

Ias least as possible.

G. Oh I will say, you shouldn't underestimate GUY's
powers of persuasion - well and truly exercised,
they are quite persuasive.

I. But then why should he have addressed himself to
MACLEAN.....if there was no point in it.

A.? Because I should think he must be the one person
.....depends.....

I. Its just as possible, however, that you might say
that his past was catching up with him, on these
facts here.

G. That is possible - that is possible.

I. And that in that past MACLEAN was seriously
involved.

TOP SECRET

Continuation Sheet.

TABLE

TOP SECRET

- 13 -

- G. That is possible., and it is possible - and I was wondering where you said that the Germans??? - he may have a different.....because he kept on saying to my wife that I didn't realise how lucky I was.
- I. When was it that actually he mentioned that he had a Russian contact to whom he was passing his stuff..
- G. That would be in 1937 I think.
- A.? 1937 -38.
- G. It might have been the early part of 1938.
- I. It was later rather than before 1937.
- G. Later ..
- I. And of course that was only known (?time) he made that admission to you, and it could have been - let's see the date on which he -
- G. Well his own statement was, of course, that he had been doing it ever since he left.....^{Cambridge}immediately after he -
- I. Which would be immediately after he ceased being an undergraduate at Cambridge -
- G. Ceased being a research worker -
- I. A research worker at Cambridge - well that's a little later - about what year -
- G.1935.
- A?I should say 1935 - that being the date of my first Russian guest?? - he was certainly there for something like a year.....1935.
-
- I. Yes.....^{simply}Rudolf KATZ/comes in as a sort of contact in the cloak and dagger world.
- G? Oh yes, cloak and dagger ^{in one Section}and other sections? - Cominform and Comintern mixed up in ^{the other}it.
- I. Yes.

TOP SECRET

Continuation Sheet.TABLETOP SECRET

- 14 -

G.Cambridge.....you see.

I.armed section.....

G. Oh.yes.....

I. I don't quite hcv the CHABERLAIN and DALADIER
part comes into it - I mean you can't seriously
be used in that sense -

G. Well - my recollection was that - and I have
certainly known him a good many years (?15 years)
that he was on to me that he was being used as a
runner operating between London and Paris, under-
ground - underground political....and...possibly..
and I should imagine, he said.... for some
political organisation which linked with some
Russian organisation. It was ...upon Munich,
and the consequent Soviet Pact anyway, and from
what he told us at that time it was not surprising
they didn't get the Pact?? either.....

I. Well I think they - what you will have to do is
to convert this into some sort of a really rather
formal statement - just a....I'd better not
undertake? that.....
you see we are still not confronted with the
reappearance? of these chaps.....catch up with
them.

A. Do you know where they are ^{actually} or anything?

I. No.

A. You don't.

I. No.....hasn't heard.

A. Do I understand they have been traced to France.

I. To France.

A. But no further. That is too extraordinary.....

I. Yes, but then not really.....start early enough..
no-one naturally fails....gets to the 25th May..
of course he wasn't -

TOP SECRET

Continuation Sheet.

TABLETOP SECRET

- 15 -

- A. When did he disappear.
- I. He disappeared as far as the Foreign Office are concerned on Monday,.....28th May.....
MACLEAN should have been on duty at the Foreign Office on Monday 28th May.
is?
- A. Oh he was quite definitely doubted?
- I. Quite definitely.
- A. Was GUY....on two months leave.
- I. GUY was on leave yes.... (all talked at once about how much leave). I'm not sure that it was as much as that, it was rather anticipated that he was coming to the Foreign Office to discuss his position.
- A. The other chap.....was off as well.
- I.but if it hadn't been for MACLEAN the alert wouldn't have been on, - then it was discovered.
- G. Do you know they were together.
- I. I know they were together, yes. er - but you see each case reflects on the other in the most sinister way....
Well would you like to do this now or would you like to come back - perhaps you're in a hurry now.
- G. How long do you think it will take ?
- I. I think it ought to take rather a long time - we ought to give ourselves a couple of hours....
....from memory and be as precise as possible.
- G. Yes. I imagine then that if we don't do it now you'd like to do it
- I. (inaudible discussion as to time to do it).
Well the chap who shall do it is SKARDON and I'll get hold of him right away.....some room I should think GUY's room.

(Liddell)

TOP SECRET

Continuation Sheet.TABLETOP SECRET

- 16.

I. could be heard asking secretary for Mr. SKARDON.

Mr. SKARDON came in and was introduced. I. told the former that they would give him some extremely important information and would make a statement. G. and Mr. SKARDON then went into another room.

Conversation between A. and I. continued as follows:-

A. If you do locate GUY, what will you do.

I. That I can't say just at the moment, I mean he's at present as I understand he's simply absent from this country - he's disappeared.....

A. Yes, that is true.....what I think myself, I think that it is perfectly possible that he is escaping from complications which

I. Somewhere other than behind the Iron Curtain.

A. Yes, in which case I think pretty certain it might be possible to straighten it out..(.....^{?politically})

I. Have you any idea just how that might be achieved.

A. By going to see him.

I. By going to see him.

A. Yes....I think so, yes... GUY.....by....

I. Well we are intending to make absolutely every effort to prevent him making an irretrievable mistake.

A. How do you think.....

I. I should have thought he was sufficiently sophisticated (in running these things?)....to do something/behind the Iron Curtain, unless he has some really serious reasons for doing so.

A. Well, we may have to stand by? - the whole affair will straighten out.....he took

TOP SECRET

Continuation Sheet.TABLETOP SECRET

- 17 -

PLUGGY (?FLOODY).....a hell of a time...

I. Well how do you think that's true of MACLEAN -

A. I don't know at all.

I. He may be an excitable person and essentially
unstable and so on. -

A. good enough?

I. The fact that they are together.....makes it
because of some...
look much more like an escape./.....something
that was catching up with them.A: that was so it would be
easier.....I. Yes, yes, well we are going to make every effort
possible to persuade.....

15.52.

I. and A. went out of the room.

GVW.

11. 6. 51.TOP SECRET

Original in PF.604,582

4A

Following are the personal particulars of:

Anthony Frederick BLUNT

Born: Bournemouth 26.9.07

Address: 20 Portman Square, W.1.

Passport No. 28268 issued London 10.12.1945, renewed
for the further period of five years on 23.10.50

Morgan Goronwy REES

Born: Aberystwith 29.11.09

British Passport No. ³³⁷¹¹⁵ ~~4442256~~ issued ^{1.11.46} ~~8.11.49~~

Address: Falcon House, Sonning, Berks.

B.2.a.
6.6.51

THIS IS A COPY
ORIGINAL DOCUMENT RETAINED
IN DEPARTMENT UNDER SECTION
3(4) OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS
ACT 1958 JANUARY 2022.

Form 81

TOP SECRET.

EXTRACT.

32

Extract for File No.: P.F. 604583 Name: RALEIGH.
 Original in File No.: P.F. 604558 v.2. CURZON Serial: 175a Receipt Date: -
 Original from: B.2./JCR Under Ref.: - Dated: 4.6.51.
 Extracted on: 31.7.51. by: VB Section: B2a/AFB

Action Summary - 4.6.51.Mr. Garonwy REES.

It was agreed with D.B. that the interviewing of Garonwy REES (by B.2.) should be deferred until we have received from him the information about BURGESS's conversation with Mrs. Garonwy REES before his departure, which he promised D.D.G. at the end of last week.

THIS IS A COPY
 ORIGINAL DOCUMENT RETAINED
 IN DEPARTMENT UNDER SECTION
 3(4) OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS
 ACT 1958 OCTOBER 2020

Form 81

EXTRACT.

P.F. 604583

P.F. 604603

P.F. 604603

RALEIGH

BLANDIN

KUBITZER

Extract for File No.: Name:

Original in File No.: Serial: 173a Receipt Date:

D.D.G.

Original from: Under Ref.: P.F. 604558 Dated: 4.6.51.

27.7.51.

VB

B2a/AFB.

Extracted on: by: Section:

1.6.51.

.....

Garonway Rees told me about a conversation that his wife had had with BURGESS before the latter's departure.

I said that I would very much like to have as accurate an account as possible. He promised to do this in conjunction with his wife and to let me know. He thought the conversation sinister.

TOP SECRET

WARNING

REFER TO A PROPRATE
OFFICER BEFORE USING.

Form 81

EXTRACT.

36

Extract for File No.: P.F. 604583 Name: RALEIGH.

Original in File No.: P.F. 604558 - CURZON. Serial: 135a Receipt Date: (MACHAN)

Original from: B.2.2. Under Ref.: P.F. 604558 Dated: 1.6.51.

Extracted on: 27.7.51. by: VB Section: B2a/AFB

.....

Captain Liddell reported that he had received a message from Geronway REES of [redacted] who is on friendly terms with HEWITT, BLUNT and BURGESS, that BURGESS recently telephoned REES' wife and that the purport of the telephone conversation was rather "Alarming". He would attempt to reconstruct the telephone conversation that BURGESS had with REES' wife and send Captain Liddell a copy. "Alarming" presumably means that BURGESS may have intended to go to Russia.

(Sgd. R.T. Reed.

WARNING

REFER TO APPROPRIATE
OFFICER BEFORE USING **TOP SECRET**

THIS IS A COPY
ORIGINAL DOCUMENT RETAINED
IN DEPARTMENT UNDER SECTION
3(4) OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS
ACT 1958 MARCH 2022

Form 81/rev. 1.52.

EXTRACT.

3fa

Extra File No. P.F. 604,529
P.F. 604,583 Name: BURGESS
REES
 Original in File No.: * P.F. 604,591 Supp Serial: 3 Vol: 1 Receipt Date: 1.6.51
 Original from: Telecheck Under Ref: TC. 2130 Dated: 31.5.51
 Extracted on: 16.1.53 by: JA Section: D-2.6

Extract from telecheck on REGent. 1530 (Guy BURGESS). REES and HEWITT are discussing the disappearance. of BURGESS.

.....REES. Do you think he has done anything?
 HEWITT. I don't know, Gonny, honestly.
 R. No I'm sure you don't.
 H. I don't know...
 R. Do you have any ...?
 H. And not knowing makes one think all the more.
 R. I think he is doing something terrible
 H. You think he's doing something terrible?
 R. Yes I do.
 H. Not that, surely?
 R. Well, I don't know, exactly.
 H. Gonny, I can't tell you very much at all, because..
 R. No I'm sure you can't.
 H. Anthony (BLUNDEN) did it through Guy (Liddell) you see.
 R. Yes I know. I know because I spoke to David (FLANAGAN)
 H. The message I got this afternoon through Anthony was that they'd traced him as far as France but I don't think they know where he is or what he's doing or anything. And I don't know whether they've found the car or not.
 R. I see. Do you know who the man who was in the Club with him was?
 H. I never found out.
 R. It's very strange that none of us can think who it was.

P.T.O

Form 81/rev. 1.52.

EXTRACT.

Extract from File No. : Name :

Original in File No. : * Serial : Vol : Receipt Date :

Original from : Under Ref : Dated :

Extracted on : by : Section :

CONT.

H. Somebody who'd been there before.

H. Yes. Very curious.

H. You see, they said -Tomas said a lord - well, I don't know, the only person I could think of was Baron von PUTLITZ. And I didn't say anything. I didn't say to Anthony that I thought it was that, you see I didn't know.

R. It wasn't by any chance David FAR-INGDON(ph)?

H. I don't think so.

R. No. I see. Well, Jackie, thank you very much. If you feel like coming down at any time -

H. Yes Gonny, thank you very much. I think I must stay up here a little while

3F2

Original in PF.604,558. Supp D.
 Copies in PF.604,529. BURGESS. PF.604,643. HO
 PF.604,558. MACLEAN. PF.604,589. FIL
 PF.604,582. BLUNDEN. PF.604,591. HE
 ✓ PF.604,583. REES.

CONCORDANCE OF EVENTS IMMEDIATELY BEFORE AND AFTER THE
 DISAPPEARANCE OF BURGESS AND MACLEAN ON 25th MAY, 1951.

FRIDAY

BURGESS.

24.5.51.	Seen leaving the Reform Club with Donald MACLEAN at 3 p.m.	PF.604,529. 47a.
25.5.51. am.	"Early in the morning" David FOOTMAN rang BURGESS at his flat suggesting a date for dinner on 28.5.51. BURGESS said he could not manage that date and dinner was arranged for 1.6.51. instead.	PF.604,529. 115b.
	BURGESS called at the Continental Booking Office at Victoria Booked one 2-berth cabin on the "Falaise" in names of BURGESS and MILLER, but gave the impression that MILLER might be unable to come and that his place might be taken by someone else.	PF.604,558. Supp D.
	BURGESS ordered a car for two or three days from Welbeck Motors, Ltd. to be delivered at the Reform Club at 2 p.m.	PF.604,558. Supp D.
Unspecified time.	BURGESS told Mr. BELL of the Reform Club that he was going on leave to France and left a locked despatch case to which Mr. BLUNT could have access. (Collected by BLUNT on 6.6.51)	PF.604,529. 116a.
Unspecified time.	BURGESS rang up Margery REES and spoke to her for about an hour.	PF.604,529. 100c, 145b.
25.5.51. p.m.	BURGESS lunched at the Reform Club and soon after 2 p.m. came out to sign insurance form for car.	PF.604,529. Supp D.
3 p.m.	Met Bernard MILLER at the Reform Club.	PF.604,529. 195b.
7-5 p.m.	Shopping expedition with MILLER, bought mackintosh, etc. either too big or too small for BURGESS.	PF.604,529. 75b.
"late p.m."	Bought suitcase and clothes at Gieves.	PF.604,529. 234b.
	BURGESS told MILLER, also BLUNT, that during the weekend he would be helping a friend who was in difficulties.	PF.604,529. 63b. 195b.
5 p.m.	BURGESS dropped MILLER from the car and arranged to meet him at 7.30 p.m. (BURGESS was apparently due to dine with the BERRY's, Anthony BLUNT and others that night)	PF.604,529. 101d. 301d.
5.30-7 p.m.	Seen by Club servant at the Reform Club and talked to a Club waiter about getting a map, as he was intending to go north.	PF.604,529. 63b.
"late eve"	Seen talking to a tall man on the steps of the Reform Club. (? BLUNT)	PF.604,529. 115b.
7.30 p.m.	BURGESS arrived at Tatsfield by car.	PF.604,529.

MACLEAN.

24.5.51.	1 p.m. went to the Reform Club and left with Guy BURGESS at 3 p.m.	PF.604,558. 84a.
	That evening told his wife to expect a friend to dinner the following night.	PF.604,558. 343z.
25.5.51.	Lady Mary CAMPBELL telephoned MACLEAN at the Foreign Office as she had arranged to have lunch with him. He said it was his birthday and he would be lunching with his mother. They agreed to meet for drinks.	PF.604,558. 266a.
	Lady MACLEAN said Donald phoned her and seemed anxious to lunch with her but she put him off.	PF.604,558. 143b.
	Lady Mary met MACLEAN at the Foreign Office, he said he could now lunch with her and they went to Schmidts where Robin CAMPBELL was also present.	PF.604,558. 266a.
	MACLEAN visited the Travellers Club and came out alone at 2.55 p.m. returning to the Foreign Office at 3 p.m.	PF.604,558. 88a.
5.45 p.m.	Came out of the Foreign Office at 5.45 p.m. carrying a heavy cardboard box and parcels. Went home on the 6.10 train.	PF.604,558. 88a.
7.30 p.m.	MACLEAN introduced BURGESS to Mrs. MACLEAN as "Roger STILES". They announced that after dinner they would be going off to see somebody and might be away the night, MACLEAN packed a bag.	PF.604,529. 62c. 113a.
8.45 p.m.	They had dinner.	PF.604,529. 62c. 113a.
c. 10 p.m.	BURGESS and MACLEAN drove off in BURGESS car.	PF.604,529. 62c. 113a.
"Shortly before midnight.	Arrived at Southampton and boarded "Falaise"	PF.604,529. 62, 113a.
12 p.m.	"Falaise" left Southampton.	PF.604,529. 62c. 113a.
26.5.51.	7 a.m./8 a.m. "Falaise" reached St. Malo.	PF.604,558. Supp D.
11.45 a.m.	BURGESS and MACLEAN left "Falaise" hurriedly, leaving the cabin in disorder.	PF.604,558. Supp D.
	Subsequently they are thought to have missed the 11.20 a.m. train from St. Malo to Paris, taken a taxi to Rennes and caught the 1.18 p.m. train from Paris.	PF.604,558. Supp D.
26.5.51.	Telechecks on Tatsfield and Lady MACLEAN's flat gave the impression that Donald MACLEAN was at home.	PF.604,558. S.X. 25 & 26.
27.5.51.	No calls were made or received at Tatsfield and the telecheck on Lady MACLEAN still gave the impression that Donald MACLEAN was at home.	PF.604,558. Supp X. 27.

8.5.51.

It was learnt from the telechecks on Tatafield and Lady MACLEAN that Donald MACLEAN had in fact been away at the weekend and was not yet back.

FF.604,558.
Supp X.
28 & 29.

No ref.

Mr. Carey Foster at the Foreign Office was asked about this and confirmed that MACLEAN was not at the office, but thought there was no cause for alarm, since he had in fact asked for a day off.

29.5.51.

10.58 a.m. Mrs. MACLEAN telephoned the Foreign Office about Donald's disappearance.

FF.604,558.
Supp X. 31a.

11 a.m.

David FOOTMAN telephoned D.D.C. Captain Liddell about the mysterious disappearance of Guy BURGESS.

FF.604,529.
63b.

No ref.

Captain Liddell is thought to have gone to the Foreign Office where he would have had confirmation of MACLEAN's continued absence. From this point onwards it was presumed that BURGESS and MACLEAN had disappeared together.

For subsequent action taken by the Security Service to trace BURGESS and MACLEAN see-

FF.604,558.
Supp D.

MINUTE SHEET

Reference.....

B 2.

Garonway
I saw Garonway REES and MASON of Messrs. BENNETT SONS & SHEARS at Mr. Bell's flat at 11.30 a.m. today.

REES was already known to me; he was a Don at New College when I was there, and I met him later when he was an instructor in the Intelligence Corps. MASON is just as JULEP described him - a tough, shrewd and quite likeable Scots businessman of about fifty.

I told Garonway REES and MASON that I knew something of the proposition they had to make, but that before discussing it I would like to make the security issues in the case quite clear. It had been a surprise to me to learn that they knew anything at all about JULEP's resignation. I admitted that their assumption that he has resigned and was available in this country was correct, but emphasised as strongly as possible that this fact was known only to a very few people and that knowledge of it must continue to be carefully restricted, both in the national interest and in the interest of JULEP's own safety. It must be clearly understood that the matter must not be discussed outside the small circle which has knowledge of it, and which now included Garonway REES, MASON and YORKE of BENNETT SONS & SHEARS.

This warning was taken in good part, and I think Garonway REES was conscious of some guilt in having let his co-directors know anything about JULEP's present position.

I then made it clear that whatever the firm had to offer, we for our part intended to proceed with plans which were already well under way to assist JULEP in starting life in a new country. We were doing this, I explained, for the sake of his own security, he himself having said that this country is "too small for him".

MASON then outlined the firm's proposals. These are as already related by Garonway REES to D.D.G., that is to say:-

1. Short Term. The firm requires JULEP's advice on the relative merits of present day processes for manufacturing penicillin, including the process which CHAIN claims to have invented. They would like JULEP to produce a "flow-sheet" embodying his view, and would be prepared to pay him about £50 for this service.
2. Long Term. If JULEP completes the short term task to the firm's satisfaction, they would wish him to continue to co-operate with them if and when they are successful in placing contracts for the delivery of penicillin manufacturing equipment to various overseas countries. During this period, which I understand would amount to two or three months, they would pay him a commission on the total value of the contracts placed. MASON named no definite sum, but admitted that JULEP would stand to profit considerably.

MASON and Garonway REES would like to meet JULEP as soon as possible in order to discuss these proposals. The reason for the hurry seems to be they are in fear of losing their markets; I think they also have some misgivings as to what CHAIN may be up to behind their backs.

In conclusion, I said that I could not commit myself to

/arranging a meeting

THIS IS A COPY
ORIGINAL DOCUMENT RETAINED
IN DEPARTMENT UNDER SECTION
3(4) OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS
ACT 1958 OCTOBER 2020

[OVER

arranging a meeting until I had had some time to consider the full implications of what had been said, especially in so far as the proposals advanced by the firm might conflict with our plans for sending JULIEP abroad. It was agreed however that I would let Garonway REES know tomorrow, [REDACTED] whether or not a meeting could be arranged. If the answer is affirmative, the time of the meeting will be 2 p.m. on Wednesday April 6th. am to inform Oldfield of the place of the meeting when I telephone.

B. 2. a.
4. 4. 49.

Signed: J.C. Robertson.

Copy for: PF. 604m583
Original in: ~~PF. 73252~~ Min. 478.
PF 73525

THIS IS A COPY
ORIGINAL DOCUMENT RETURNED
INDEPARTMENT OF RECORDS
AND OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS
ACT 1958

Copy

TOP SECRET

3E

Note

[redacted] telephoned this afternoon to tell me that, from the point of view of BENNETT SONS & SHEARS, it would be sufficiently early for their purposes if their representative meets me for a preliminary discussion of the JULEP proposition early next week. I have accordingly arranged to meet Garonway REES and MASON at 11.30 a.m. on Monday, April 4th, at 12 Maunsell Street (first floor flat), where Mr. Walter Bell lives.

I have made it clear to [redacted] that this will only be an exploratory discussion and that, until it has taken place, we can make no firm decision about JULEP meeting a representative of the firm. I have also told [redacted] that we are expecting news about the Canadian project early next week, and that we are not anxious to commit ourselves too far until we know more about this.

I added that, if we do decide to bring JULEP up to London to meet BENNETTS, it will be possible to do this very soon after the meeting on Monday - possibly on Tuesday or Wednesday.

B. 2. a.
1.4.49.

Signed: J.C. Robertson.

Copy for: PF.604,583
Original in: ~~PF.73252~~ 476b dated 1.4.49.
NSP/R5 18.12.51. 73525

THIS IS A COPY
ORIGINAL DOCUMENT RETAINED
IN DEPARTMENT UNDER SECTION
3(4) OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS
ACT 1958 JANUARY 2022

Copy

3d

Note

I enquired from [redacted] today as to the exact relationship between [redacted] and Garonway REES, director of BENNETT SONS & SHEARS. [redacted] told me that Garonway REES He is a Fellow of All Souls and an expert in Russian philosophy, sociology, etc. He is fully indoctrinated, and works in Footman's section

Garonway REES came to know of JULEP's defection [redacted] He must have informed MASON of BENNETT SONS & SHEARS of the defection, and did this without any authority [redacted] Garonway REES knows that Canada is under consideration as the eventual destination of JULEP, but is being warned by [redacted] that he must keep this entirely to himself.

I told [redacted] that one of the principal objects of my meeting with Garonway REES and MASON on Monday, April 4th, would be to insist on the necessity for security in making any arrangements for JULEP to meet a representative of the firm, and to explain how the case had been handled on a highly secret basis from its outset. I intended to insist that it should continue to be so handled, and to ask Garonway REES and MASON to co-operate with us to this end.

B. 2. a.
1.4.49.

Signed: J.C. Robertson

Copy for: PF.604,583
Original in: PF.73252 476c dated 1.4.49.
NSP/R5 18.12.51. 3525

THIS IS A COPY
ORIGINAL DOCUMENT RETAINED
IN DEPARTMENT UNDER SECTION
3(4) OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS
ACT 1958 MARCH 2022

3c

THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENT
RETAINED IN DEPARTMENT
UNDER SECTION 3(4) OF
THE PUBLIC RECORDS
ACT 1958

Copy

TOP SECRET

36.

MINUTE SHEET

Reference.....

B. 2.

At his request I saw Garonway REES at his club on Friday. BENNETT and SHEARS are negotiating with Dr. CHAIN and also, I think, with the firm of ASPREY, chemical engineers, in the sale of penicillin plant to India. They know CHAIN for what he is and are very anxious to get the services of JULEP as a technical expert. They are prepared to give him a contract to act as their technical adviser over a given period, whether he is residing here, the United States or Canada, provided we see no objection.

BENNETT and SHEARS have had no contact with JULEP since his defection. He telephoned to them the night before to say that he was going back to Russia. If the approach is to be made, therefore, some explanation will have to be given. I have in mind something on the following lines.

We would say to JULEP that, pending arrangements regarding his departure for Canada, we have been looking round to see whether there was any way in which he could be usefully employed. We had asked the Board of Trade, who had mentioned that the firm of BENNETT and SHEARS were looking for an expert in penicillin. He, of course, knew BENNETT and SHEARS - would he be prepared to meet one of the Directors to discuss matters?

The Director who would see him would not be Garonway REES but his partner, who would be quite prepared to visit him in the country, or alternatively, if we thought it undesirable that our hide-out at Barrow Elm should be disclosed to any outside party, we could arrange a rendezvous in London.

I told Garonway REES that I could see no objection in principle to such an arrangement, but that I was not au fait with the latest details of the case and would let him have an answer as soon as possible.

Incidentally, Garonway REES told me that CHAIN has been getting £6,000 a year from the firm of ASPREY, in the capacity of a consultant. All he does for this is to attend a meeting at Claridges with representatives of the firm which takes place once a year!

D. D. G.
7. 3. 49.

Signed: G. M. Liddell.

B. 2. A.

I am more than a little suspicious of this offer, it sounds too much like something for nothing. Moreover I don't much like the idea of blowing JULEP's new identity before he has even assumed it. Please consider urgently and discuss with me as soon as possible.

B. 2.
7. 3. 49.


Signed: J. H. Marriott.

THIS IS A COPY
ORIGINAL DOCUMENT RETAINED
IN DEPARTMENT UNDER SECTION
3(4) OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS
ACT 1958 MARCH 2022

Copy for: PF. 604, 583
Original in: PF. 73525 444c ds 3. 49.
NSP/R5 17. 12. 51.

B. 2.

I have spoken to Mr. FOOTMAN. He has known Garonway REES personally for a long time and takes a good view of him. He does not know YORK, his co-director, except on secondhand information from REES, who regards him as a highly intelligent business man. REES, with the knowledge of his co-director is part time employed and paid by S. I. S. FOOTMAN knew of the broad suggestion and thought it reasonable, but does not know any details. He says that it would be in YORK's interest to treat the whole matter with the utmost discretion since if it became known that he was employing JULEP, the Trade Delegation would decline to do any further business with him.



D. D. G.
14. 3. 49

Singed: G. M. Liddell.

THIS IS A COPY
ORIGINAL DOCUMENT RETAINED
IN DEPARTMENT UNDER SECTION
3(A) OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS
ACT 1958

P

L395(10851)
B.26
10851

For B.26 use ONLY

Date 8th Sept. 1947.

M.I.5 REGISTRY : Have you traces, please, of :-

SURNAME Name at birth if different, or if known by any other name	REES
Full Christian names	MORGAN GORONMY
Date & place of birth	29th November 1909. Aberystwyth, Cards
NATIONALITY Nationality at birth (if different from above)	British.
Name, nationality at birth, } Place of birth of :- } Father Mother Husband/Wife	x Richard Jenkyn Rees. British. Mary Aphia James. Deceased. x Margaret Ewing Morris. British.
If subject of enquiry or parents naturalized, state No. date and name in which certificate was granted.	
Present private address	26 Cavendish Avenue, St. Johns Wood, N.W.8.
Permanent address	As above.
National Registration No.	ARA 3042 : 364.
Particulars of previous employment	1931-32. Prize Fellow, All Souls Coll. Oxf. 1932-33. With Manchester Guardian. 1935-39. Asst. Editor, The Spectator. 1939-46. In Army. 1946 to date. The Farringdon Works & H. Pontifex & Sons.
Particulars of relatives in enemy occupied or controlled countries	

Information to assist identification if not covered by above :-

REMARKS BY M.I.5 :-

10 SEP 1947

THIS IS A COPY
ORIGINAL DOCUMENT RETAINED
IN DEPARTMENT UNDER SECTION
3(4) OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS
ACT 1958

MARCH 2022

SECRET

(306) Wt.11364/7492. 200M. 1/63. K.C.N. Gp.616/1.

Form 81/rev. 11.62

EXTRACT

Extract for File No.: PF 604,583 Name: Goronwy REES

Original in File No.:* PF 43,886 Vol.: 1 Serial: 34a Receipt Date:

Original from: Int. letter Under Ref.: Dated: 5.11.36.

Extracted on: 6.10.64. by: JG Section: D.1./Inv.

Extract from Int. letter from "Ann" to Derek BLAIKIE ment. REES114 Grosvenor Road,
S.W.1.
Nov. 5th

Dear Derek,

I don't know if you ever mentioned the Birmingham Conference or the B.Y.P.A. to Goronwy Rhys but if you did not, and if you see him soon please will you? We are not getting enough publicity and a letter in the Spectator would be of inestimable publicity value, however short. I am very sorry to go on about this and of course don't answer this letter, but do remember it when you next see G.R. And thank you for having me to stay; it was delightful, particularly going back in the evenings after Conference all day.

Ann (SITWELL)

F2/ORG GEN/123

SECRET

include the name of the file owner.

5/11/36
6/10/64

Extract for PF 604,583 - Goronwy REES

26

Original at serial 21a in PF 43,886 - Derek BLAIKIE

Extract from R.O.C. on 20 Randolph Road, W.9. - the
Address of Derek BLAIKIE from 2.1.36 - 16.1.36.

Communist

Addressee

Postmark

Sender

.

Goronay REES
Mr G. REES

Oxford
Canterbury.
Redirected from
275 Kings Road,
Chelsea.

-
Oxford University
Extention Lectures.

Goronay REES, Esq.

"Spectator".

.

4.2.36.

DLK
6/10/64

December 12, 1935.

~~51A~~

1a

Dear Harker,

I happened to notice that on Saturday one of the speakers in a B.B.C. discussion on France was a man named Geronowy Rees. I wonder if this is the same man as the one who in 1934 was a Fellow of All Souls', Oxford, and was a supporter of the revolutionary line of action in war, as put forward by the Communist Party?

Yours sincerely,

B.W.

S10

Any record?

✓

P5

K.H.

✓

8-6-51
8-6-51

Form 81/rev. 1.52.

B2A
Held ~~RS~~

12

EXTRACT.

Extract for File No.: P.F. 604,583 Name: REES

Final in File No.: * P.F. 43,703 GRANT DUFF Serial: 8a Vol: Receipt Date: 25.4.35

Returned from: Return of correspondence Under Ref: Dated:

Extracted on: 13.5.53 by: JHC Section: R6

Extract from result of return of correspondence on 16 Mulberry Walk,
Chelsea. ment. REES

15.3.35 to 30.3.35

.....

Goronwy REES received 17 letters during this period.

.....

This extract is from a R.O.C. on Sheila GRANT DUFF, Communist
 or is an accurate extract from the original association

[Signature]
 D:

6/10/64

[Signature]
 29.5.53

Copy No 7

STATEMENT of Morgan Garaway REES of Falcon House, Sonning, Berkshire,
WHO SAITH:

I first knew Guy BURNES when he was an undergraduate at Cambridge and I was at Oxford. At this time he was an active Communist. This would be about 1932 to 1933. He later (query) 1935 left the Party with considerable publicity. This gave considerable offence to many of his friends including myself though I was not a member of the Party. I did not then see him for some time but heard that his political views had totally altered, that he had become in effect a fascist, and was active in promoting associations between this country and the German National Socialists. I did on one occasion meet him by chance and reproach him for his change of views and his new right wing associates one of whom was Captain Jack HACHAMARA M.P. to whom I believe BURNES was then Secretary. We parted on bad terms and again I did not see him for some time. In I believe 1937 or perhaps earlier we did meet again and once again became close friends. A little later I wrote an article in the "Spectator" by which BURNES professed to be very deeply impressed. He said to me that he was working on behalf of an anti Fascist organisation and that his task was to collect confidential political information and later he said that this organisation was in fact the Comintern or rather a secret branch of it. He also said that this was the reason why he had left the Communist Party because he had done so under direction. He had obeyed his orders only because of the depth of his political convictions and in spite of the great personal pain it had caused him in breaking with his friends. He said that he wished me to help him in carrying out his work and said that one of his other sources of information was Anthony BLUNT. He at no time mentioned any other names as being direct sources of his but I always assumed because of his frequent contacts with them that among them were

(a) Rolf KATE, an economist and financial adviser to whom I don't know. I think I am right in remembering that BURNES once said or hinted that he had been in Moscow and had been some form of economic assistant to some organisation of the Comintern.

(b) ^(?) Edouard FRIPPER, a Frenchman who was described as head of Daladier's personal secretariat. FRIPPER was a politician of some

/Importance in

2.

importance in France and he also held some official position in the Boy Scout Movement. As I understood it BURNES was acting as an intermediary between PHILIPER representing Daladier and Mr. Chamberlain and some of his personal associates among them being a Sir (?) Joseph Ball. These negotiations were too secret for normal methods of communication. I should add here that BURNES never asked me to obtain or provide any information for him though in the normal course of conversation we naturally discussed whatever I knew. I should also add that owing to BURNES's strange personality I was never quite certain whether he was what he professed to be or whether indeed I was myself what I was supposed to be in this strange combination. I did once ask him to whom he gave his information and he replied that he had a contact with a Russian whose name he did not know and whom he met in small cafes. The only verifiable fact that did lead me to think that BURNES was telling the truth was that on one occasion he took some notes from a large bundle which was lying in a cupboard. We now arrive at the time of the German-Soviet Pact when BURNES was away in France with BLUNT.

On his return I told him that the Soviets had ruined any chance of preventing war and that I wished to have no more to do with his organization if indeed such a thing existed. He did not agree with my views but was extremely distressed. He said that BLUNT also had expressed the same views and that under the circumstances we had better give up the whole affair but that for obvious reasons it was best if we never mentioned the subject again even to each other. After the war I did once or twice refer to the subject but on each occasion he became extremely agitated and refused to discuss the matter. I once in a moment of anger told him (untruthfully) that lest he should have any doubts on the subject I had deposited a factual account of our association with my Bank. At this he was very surprised and alarmed and asked me to describe the document. I should add that from the time of the German Soviet Pact I had no doubt that BURNES had in fact given up his previous association. After the war we remained on very intimate terms and I still had no reason to doubt this view. In recent months while BURNES was in America I have received several letters from him in which he has expressed very strongly his disapproval of American foreign policy and his belief that the Americans were

/deliberately

3.

Deliberately provoking a third World War which was now imminent. On his return from America and indeed on the same day that he arrived he came to see us in the country. He was in a highly excited but exalted state of mind. He repeated the views he had formed of American foreign policy severely criticised our Embassy for failure to represent the true state of affairs and showed us two draft despatches of his which the Embassy had refused to send. He said that he intended to show these despatches to the Foreign Office and also that he intended to press his views upon several influential persons the most important of whom in his eyes was Mr. Kenneth YOUNGER whom he believed to sympathise with his opinions. I formed the opinion that he thought his efforts would have a genuine effect upon the course of policy here. This was the last time I saw him but on Friday 25th May he had a long and strange conversation with my wife of which I have given a full report elsewhere.

This statement has been read over to me and it is true to the best of my belief.

(signed) H. G. REES.

6th June, 1951.

Copy No 5

TOP SECRET

Sign - L. P. C. G.

APP B (iii)

6 copies

STATEMENT of Morgan Garoway REES of Falcon House, Sonning, Berkshire,
WHO SAITH:

I first knew Guy BURGESS when he was an undergraduate at Cambridge and I was at Oxford. At this time he was an active Communist. This would be about 1932 to 1933. He later (query) 1935 left the Party with considerable publicity. This gave considerable offence to many of his friends including myself though I was not a member of the Party. I did not then see him for some time but heard that his political views had totally altered, that he had become in effect a fascist, and was active in promoting associations between this country and the German National Socialists. I did on one occasion meet him by chance and reproach him for his change of views and his new right wing associates one of whom was Captain Jack HACHAMARA M.P. to whom I believe BURGESS was then Secretary. We parted on bad terms and again I did not see him for some time. In I believe 1937 or perhaps earlier we did meet again and once again became close friends. A little later I wrote an article in the "Spectator" by which BURGESS professed to be very deeply impressed. He said to me that he was working on behalf of an anti Fascist organisation and that his task was to collect confidential political information and later he said that this organisation was in fact the Comintern or rather a secret branch of it. He also said that this was the reason why he had left the Communist Party because he had done so under direction. He had obeyed his orders only because of the depth of his political convictions and in spite of the great personal pain it had caused him in breaking with his friends. He said that he wished me to help him in carrying out his work and said that one of his other sources of information was Anthony BLUNT. He at no time mentioned any other names as being direct sources of his but I always assumed because of his frequent contacts with them that among them were

(a) Rolf KATZ, an economist and financial adviser to whom I don't know. I think I am right in remembering that BURGESS once said or hinted that he had been in Moscow and had been some form of economic assistant to some organisation of the Comintern.

(b) Edouard FREIFFER, a Frenchman who was described as head of Daladier's personal secretariat. FREIFFER was a politician of some

/importance in

2.

importance in France and he also held some official position in the Boy Scout Movement. As I understood it BURGESS was acting as an intermediary between FRIEDRICH representing Daladier and Mr. Chamberlain and some of his personal associates among them being a Sir (?) Joseph BALL. These negotiations were too secret for normal methods of communication. I should add here that BURGESS never asked me to obtain or provide any information for him though in the normal course of conversation we naturally discussed whatever I knew. I should also add that owing to BURGESS's strange personality I was never quite certain whether he was what he professed to be or whether indeed I was myself what I was supposed to be in this strange combination. I did once ask him to whom he gave his information and he replied that he had a contact with a Russian whose name he did not know and whom he met in small cafes. The only verifiable fact that did lead me to think that BURGESS was telling the truth was that on one occasion he took some notes from a large bundle which was lying in a cupboard. We now arrive at the time of the German-Soviet Pact when BURGESS was away in France with BLUNT.

On his return I told him that the Soviets had ruined any chance of preventing war and that I wished to have no more to do with his organization if indeed such a thing existed. He did not agree with my views but was extremely distressed. He said that BLUNT also had expressed the same views and that under the circumstances we had better give up the whole affair but that for obvious reasons it was best if we never mentioned the subject again even to each other. After the war I did once or twice refer to the subject but on each occasion he became extremely agitated and refused to discuss the matter. I once in a moment of anger told him (untruthfully) that lest he should have any doubts on the subject I had deposited a factual account of our association with my Bank. At this he was very surprised and alarmed and asked me to describe the document. I should add that from the time of the German Soviet Pact I had no doubt that BURGESS had in fact given up his previous association. After the war we remained on very intimate terms and I still had no reason to doubt this view. In recent months while BURGESS was in America I have received several letters from him in which he has expressed very strongly his disapproval of American foreign policy and his belief that the Americans were

/deliberately

3.

deliberately provoking a third World War which was now imminent. On his return from America and indeed on the same day that he arrived he came to see me in the country. He was in a highly excited but exalted state of mind. He repeated the views he had formed of American foreign policy severely criticised our Embassy for failure to represent the true state of affairs and showed me two draft despatches of his which the Embassy had refused to send. He said that he intended to show these despatches to the Foreign Office and also that he intended to press his views upon several influential persons the most important of whom in his eyes was Mr. Kenneth YOUNGER whom he believed to sympathise with his opinions. I formed the opinion that he thought his efforts would have a genuine effect upon the course of policy here. This was the last time I saw him but on Friday 25th May he had a long and strange conversation with my wife of which I have given a full report elsewhere.

This statement has been read over to me and it is true to the best of my belief.

(signed) M. G. MILES.

6th June, 1951.

Room 055,
War Office,
Whitehall, S.W.1

PF.604,583.

Spare copies of Statement of Morgan Geronwy REES,
of Falcon House, Sonning, Berkshire.

(See 4za for original)

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE



Copy No 6

STATEMENT of Morgan Garaway REES of Falcon House, Sonning, Berkshire,
WHO SAID:

I first knew Guy BURGESS when he was an undergraduate at Cambridge and I was at Oxford. At this time he was an active Communist. This would be about 1932 to 1933. He later (query) 1935 left the Party with considerable publicity. This gave considerable offence to many of his friends including myself though I was not a member of the Party. I did not then see him for some time but heard that his political views had totally altered, that he had become in effect a fascist, and was active in promoting associations between this country and the German National Socialists. I did on one occasion meet him by chance and reproach him for his change of views and his new right wing associates one of whom was Captain Jack MACNAMARA M.P. to whom I believe BURGESS was then Secretary. We parted on bad terms and again I did not see him for some time. In I believe 1937 or perhaps earlier we did meet again and once again became close friends. A little later I wrote an article in the "Spectator" by which BURGESS professed to be very deeply impressed. He said to me that he was working on behalf of an anti Fascist organisation and that his task was to collect confidential political information and later he said that this organisation was in fact the Comintern or rather a secret branch of it. He also said that this was the reason why he had left the Communist Party because he had done so under direction. He had obeyed his orders only because of the depth of his political convictions and in spite of the great personal pain it had caused him in breaking with his friends. He said that he wished me to help him in carrying out his work and said that one of his other sources of information was Anthony BLUNT. He at no time mentioned any other names as being direct sources of his but I always assumed because of his frequent contacts with them that among them were

(a) Rolf KATZ, an economist and financial adviser to whom I don't know. I think I am right in remembering that BURGESS once said or hinted that he had been in Moscow and had been some form of economic assistant to some organisation of the Comintern.

(?)
(b) Edouard FREIFFER, a Frenchman who was described as head of Daladier's personal secretariat. FREIFFER was a politician of some

/importance in

2.

importance in France and he also held some official position in the Boy Scout Movement. As I understood it BURGESS was acting as an intermediary between PFLEGER representing Daladier and Mr. Chamberlain and some of his personal associates among them being a Sir (?) Joseph BALL. These negotiations were too secret for normal methods of communication. I should add here that BURGESS never asked me to obtain or provide any information for him though in the normal course of conversation we naturally discussed whatever I knew. I should also add that owing to BURGESS's strange personality I was never quite certain whether he was what he professed to be or whether indeed I was myself what I was supposed to be in this strange combination. I did once ask him to whom he gave his information and he replied that he had a contact with a Russian whose name he did not know and whom he met in small cafes. The only verifiable fact that did lead me to think that BURGESS was telling the truth was that on one occasion he took some notes from a large bundle which was lying in a cupboard. We now arrive at the time of the German-Soviet Pact when BURGESS was away in France with BLUNT.

On his return I told him that the Soviets had ruined any chance of preventing war and that I wished to have no more to do with his organization if indeed such a thing existed. He did not agree with my views but was extremely distressed. He said that BLUNT also had expressed the same views and that under the circumstances we had better give up the whole affair but that for obvious reasons it was best if we never mentioned the subject again even to each other. After the war I did once or twice refer to the subject but on each occasion he became extremely agitated and refused to discuss the matter. I once in a moment of anger told him (untruthfully) that lest he should have any doubts on the subject I had deposited a factual account of our association with my Bank. At this he was very surprised and alarmed and asked me to describe the document. I should add that from the time of the German Soviet Pact I had no doubt that BURGESS had in fact given up his previous association. After the war we remained on very intimate terms and I still had no reason to doubt this view. In recent months while BURGESS was in America I have received several letters from him in which he has expressed very strongly his disapproval of American foreign policy and his belief that the Americans were

/deliberately

